

March 28, 1951

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Dear [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 12, 1951, which arrived in this Bureau on March 21, 1951.

I appreciate very much your having furnished the information which accompanied your letter, and I would be very grateful if you would continue to furnish me any additional information which may come to your attention from time to time and which you believe to be of value to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your assumption of [Redacted] and to express my hopes for your continued success. You may rest assured of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest.

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With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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- Ladd _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
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- Tracy _____
- Harbo _____
- Belmont _____
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cc - Foreign Service Desk (Detached)

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Handwritten signatures and initials: *AWB*, *VP*, *NE*, *Oh*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MANILA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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February 12, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director Hoover:

As you may be aware, upon the death of the [redacted] [redacted] I was designated as his successor. It is my hope to maintain with you the same close liaison as he did, although unfortunately I have not had the honor and pleasure of your personal acquaintance.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Jose Lava, No. 1 Philippine
Communist, prior to his arrest last October. [redacted]

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Other materials [redacted]

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[redacted] further strengthen the links between Carlos Bulosan, "Luis" (Taruc) and "Victor" (Amado Hernandez). I enclose also copy of pamphlet which is believed to be one of those to which Bulosan refers in his letter to Hernandez, and a confidential information anent the visit of a Huk (Amado Hernandez) to Pedro Hallonda, a U. S. resident.

Should you have any material which might be of assistance to us in identifying Filipino adherents or supporters of our common enemy, I would be most happy to receive it. It will, of course, be handled in accordance with whatever security instruction you might care to place on it.

Repeating again my sincere wish to maintain the closest relation between our offices in matters of mutual interest, and with every assurance of my highest personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely,

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AMADO V. HERNANDEZ

THE AUTHOR IN PARIS



AMADO V. HERNANDEZ, author of this pamphlet, is the National President of the Philippine Congress of Labor Organizations, an elective member of the city council of Manila, a major (intelligence officer) of Col. Anderson Guerrillas during the Japanese occupation, and a militant newspaper editor before the Second World War. He was national poet laureate in the national language for two years, 1939 and 1940.

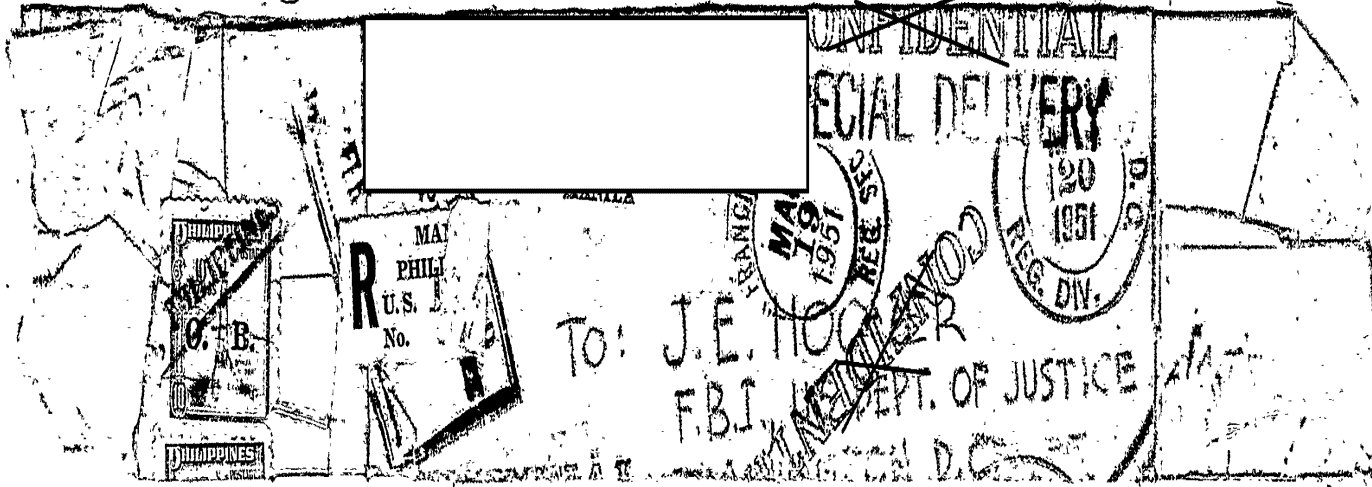
Last year, Mr. Hernandez travelled in the United States and Europe as Philippine progressive labor's envoy and representative of the city council. He spoke at various conferences and gatherings, conferred with WFTU's Secretariat, observed at the United Nations sessions in Paris, studied housing, slum clearance and labor conditions abroad. With the support of American progressives, he speeded up the campaign for the revision of the US-Philippine trade relations which resulted in the filing of the Taylor and Marcantonio repeal bills in the U.S. Congress.

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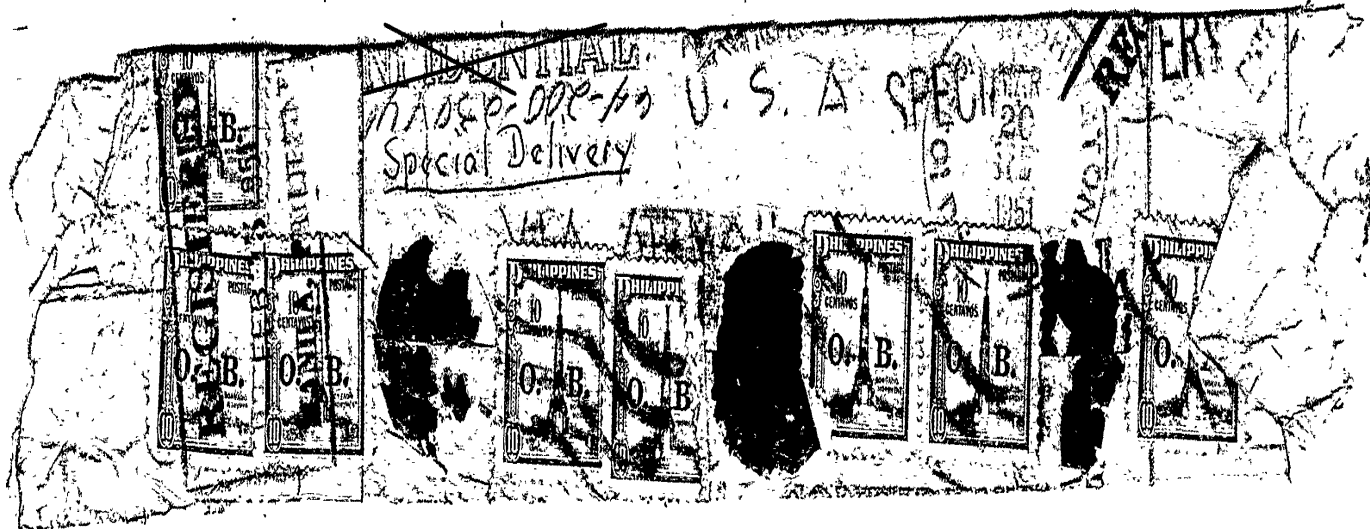
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Dec. 1, 1949

Dear Luis:

I was happy to hear from you. In my letter to Victor, I explained why I could not write. Now that I am better, I'll explain a few things so that we'll arrive at some kind of understanding and arrangement. It's important that you and I have a permanent basis for working together. Your task is tough and rugged compared with mine. I've some degree of freedom here, and I should be able to do you and the movement something constructive. But first of all, I told Victor how you can get in touch with me. Follow the instruction.

Dear Luis, I want to tell you now that I have been following your career ever since I have become a writer. There are many times when I had the impulse to return to the Philippines and join your movement. But always I was paralyzed by the thought that I'll be more valuable here. Don't think for one moment that you've no friends in America. You are in everybody's mouth and mind. The labor movement, the writers and newspapermen, the intellectuals and college people, and the movie industry in Hollywood, all these groups, Luis, are talking about you. You are their conscience. You have given them something to activate their intellects. Since I know personally most of the progressive people especially writers and movie workers, I've been often asked why I shouldn't write a book about you and the movement of the peasants. I had several reasons then and these are some: I had felt that it was not the right time; I had felt that you are too big a subject to be desultorily written about.

But all these reasons are solved now. This is the time, I'm in control of my creative abilities. Now I'll write the book about you and the peasants. There is some talk in Hollywood to make a movie of your life centering around the peasant movement, but these writers and directors who are interested are temporarily blacklisted from the industry by the Un-American Committee in the Congress of the U. S. But this witch-hunting can't stop us from writing a novelize form about your life. I'm very sure that the sudden resurgence of fascist activities here will die down. Most of the newspapers and magazines are fighting for you against the imperialistic policies of the government of the United States. And when this comes and the fascist element in America is again driven underground, and I already have the book about you and the peasant movement, I'm sure that the interest in Hollywood will be revived. I'm writing at length about this because it is important. The screen is the widest and quickest distributor of ideas. There is also some talk to make a movie of the life of Jose Rizal. But I don't think the American public is interested in so far away a period of Philippine History in which government of the United States has no particular part, and is so legendary a character who seemed to have been the repository of all human dignity. Yours is contemporary. Leave this part of the job for me here in America.

There is what I would like you to do for me: Give the materials which I might be able to use to Victor. This book I've in mind will have you as the leading character and Soliman as the second. Of course, your group and his group will be in it.

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I can't leave the United States now because I'll never be able to come back if I do. I think you know the reasons why I'll be there some day soon to work with you. I'm playing with time. At the present time, I'm writing a novel about you and the Philippine problems. It will interest you to know that some of my books are translated into Italian, French, Russian, Danish and Swedish. Negotiations are being transacted for translations into Spanish, Japanese and Liddish. Two are printed in London, England. One is reprinted in Canada. What I'm trying to convey is this: That if I write a book about you, Soliman and the people's movement, a large part of the civilized world will know the true story.

When I'm stronger I'll around if I can start a committee here in New York to support your movement. There was a long editorial about you the other day in a big Los Angeles newspaper, and it was intelligent and friendly. There are more progressive and liberals in New York, but there is more money in Hollywood.

Now there are some rich Filipinos here and they are my friends in a way. But they don't understand the issues involved and they are easily frightened. There are also good comrades and I'm sure they will help and work as soon as we are organized into a solid working committee for your support. Meanwhile, tell me what books you need and I'll send them to you through Victor. What size of shoes do you wear? and shirts? I'm a very small man, only five feet and two inches, and I weigh not even a hundred pounds. But if there is anything I can do for you and your movement -- if it is only the use of my name -- please feel free to do so. I am not afraid of the fascist bastards at home.

And give my warmest wishes to the comrades and your men until I hear from you again.

Always,

Carlos Bulosan

December 1, 1949

Dear Victor:

I received your letter about two months ago and the magazines and pamphlets. I took the liberty of using some extracts from your writings in the proper publications here, and I'll go on doing this as long as I still have the freedom to write and have access to certain periodicals of liberal thought.

I have many things to tell you from this side of the ocean. But before I proceed, I read carefully the enclosed letter of your good friend L.T. So I'll enclose my answer to him. Please feel free to read both letters because this and his complement each other in what I've to say.

Immediately upon your departure from Stockton, California, I fell ill again. I left that town and then came back to Los Angeles to recuperate. The strike was a failure due to the machinations of some of our Filipino leaders, and there was a great amount of money involved. In fact, Roberto Regala, who was their consul general in

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San Francisco, California, took the sides of the growers and shippers; and he bitterly and stubbornly refused to sit the representatives of the F.T.A.-C.I.O. officials at the conferences that decided the proper bargaining agent of the workers. This man Regala is not here anymore; a pressure group forced him to resign. He is not a truly dangerous man, he is only on the way to progress. But he is an unconscious fascist, when he is aware of the ideology, then he'll be dangerous. Watch for him. I've several tip-offs with him when he was new in California because of his arrogance and chauvinism. I calmed down due to my sincere hope for Filipino unity in the Pacific Coast, and I'm sorry now that I took this attitude. The damage is done.

Remember some of the brothers you met in Stockton? Six of them have been arrested in Seattle by the F.B.I. and are facing deportation. This is the culmination of the concerted efforts of Philippine Consulate Office in San Francisco and Filipino labor racketeers in California, superimposed by the power of the Associated Farmers in San Joaquin Valley (Stockton) to do away with all aggressive Filipino labor leaders and to destroy the F.T.A.-C.I.O., which is a militant union created solely to organize the unorganized agricultural and factory workers. These brothers are temporarily released by bail ranging from \$4,000.00 to \$8,000.00. A committee has been formed in Seattle by the C.I.O. Central labor council to campaign for money in their defense and to fight for them in the courts of Washington.

These are the arrested brothers: C. D. Mansalvas, publicity director of the F.T.A.-C.I.O. (he was once an international vice-president of the same union; he is from San Manuel, Pangasinan); Ernesto Mangacang, business agent (he is at present one of the seven members of the international board of directors of the union; he is from Luna, La Union); George Dumlao, business agent of the Portland, Oregon, branch of the union (he has been a union official since 1933, when Filipinos were admitted into the American labor movement; he is from Sarrat, Ilocos Norte); and four others that you have not met because they were in Alaska, negotiating with the Alaska Salmon industry for a better contract that season. Local 7 F.T.A.-C.I.O. won the negotiations, but another rival union composed of Filipino Parveni in Seattle tried to smear its leaders with the usual weapon: Communist. That is why this six aggressive leaders are now facing deportation.

Now I will speak of Ken Howard, the international representative of F.T.A.-C.I.O., that you met at the office in Stockton (and the three of us talked for a moment in the busy kitchen). His wife, who was formerly a columnist for the People's World is taking charge of the Committee in Seattle. Howard himself was a Harvard professor. His grandfather founded Howard University in Washington, and this is the best Negro University in the United States. He left a lucrative and easy position at the university and joined the ranks of the labor movement picking out one of the toughest segments, the agricultural, cannery and factory workers. It is tough because these workers are widely scattered over the nation, and the jobs are seasonal, and the workers themselves are of all nations and races (the minority group predominating) and there are no federal laws covering the rights and securities of the workers. That is how sincere some people are around here.

I've nothing to say about myself except to report that I stopped active union work at the outset of the war. Most of my assignments were educational and propaganda, so I had the satisfaction to travel often throughout the Pacific Coast and to meet the many

leaders in the union. And then again, I was already too ill. I went away and laid for two years, coming out once more in the middle of the war. Then I had some success in writing. Then I took it as a permanent profession. And then I travelled around the United States, meeting many writers and important people. But Los Angeles-Hollywood is my territory. I know many people in the movie industry. I will write about this part in my letter to L.T. But I'm sure you know what happened to these writers and directors in Hollywood. That is why I can't move, I'm being watched too. Now you know.

But this you must always remember: You and the Filipino workers have many friends in America. When the time comes and the witch-hunting loosens up a bit, I'll start a committee here or in New York for your support and defense. Nearly all the newspapers and other publications now are for you and the Filipino people. Don't sidestep or weaken your resistance: this is the right time to strike. Only the other day a strong metropolitan newspaper in Los Angeles came out with a strong editorial against American colonial policy in the Philippines. Everyday now the headlines in the nation are about the revolting workers and the Huks under Luis Taruc. The imperialistic are getting hysterical, and the American people are waking up to the realities of our present world. The progress of the powerful communist armies in China is haunting their conscience.

Now I will stop Victor, I'm getting tired. Please send materials to me. You'll know the reason why when you read my letter to Luis Taruc.

Always,

Carlos Bulosan

"In Reunbank, California, there is a certain Pedro Hallonda, a former Philippine Scout. This fellow seems to know a lot about the Huks and that sometime last year, a Hukbalahap visited him in his place and this Huk was the one who told him that in all the branches of the Philippine government and armed forces, they have agents (i.e. Huk agents). This Huk who visited and introduced himself to Mr. Hallonda is now back in the Philippines. Probably Mr. Hallonda's Huk visitor might have been Mr. Amado Hernandez who was then in the United States."

Los Angeles

April 6, 1951

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
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There are transmitted herewith to the Los Angeles and Washington Field Offices two photostatic copies of the following self-explanatory communications:

Letter to the Bureau, dated February 12, 1951, from

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Typewritten copies of two letters

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Jose Lava, No. 1 Philippine Communist" enclosed with the communication referred to above from Acting Director Rames. These letters appear to consist of two communications from Carlos Bulosan, dated December 1, 1949, one being directed to "Dear Luis," (possibly Luis Taruc) and the other to "Dear Victor," (possibly Victor Amado Hernandez.)

Particular attention is directed to the letter from Bulosan to Victor to which has been added a notation to the effect that possibly Victor Amado Hernandez had visited one Pedro Hallonda in "Burbank," California. It is suggested that the city referred to in California may possibly be Burbank. Bufiles reflect no information which can be identified with Pedro Hallonda. It is noted that the Los Angeles office is in possession of background information relative to the Kukulahans and Carlos Bulosan.

Efforts should be made to identify and ascertain the whereabouts of Pedro Hallonda. An investigation should be instituted in order to determine the present activities and contacts of Hallonda. A report reflecting results of this investigation should be submitted in form suitable for dissemination.

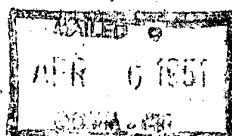
should be identified as "a foreign source, believed to be reliable."

The Washington Field Office is origin in captioned matter.

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cc: Washington Field (Attachments)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 28, 1951

FROM : V. P. Keady

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH [REDACTED]

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BACKGROUND:

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The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnishing information of
a security nature which is of interest to the Bureau and expressing
his hopes to continue the "close liaison" which, as he states, was
formerly maintained [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] submitted information of interest to the Bureau
concerning Communist activity as a token of his interest in
maintaining cooperation. He further stated that he would be most
happy to receive any information which the Bureau might furnish
him which would be of assistance in identifying Filipino adherence
or supporters "of our common enemy." He indicated that any such
information would be handled in accordance with whatever security
restrictions the Bureau might care to place on it.

FACTS:

A review of the Bureau's files has reflected the
following information:

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Under date of June 28, 1949, the Washington Field Office advised that the [redacted] apparently intended to send a trainee to join a new police academy class in Chicago, Illinois. That trainee arrived too late to join the class and efforts were being made to have him attend a similar class conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department. It is noted that at that time [redacted] the [redacted]

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[redacted] (64-29833-239-59)

Under date of December 4, 1950, a consular report to the [redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] According to the information contained in that report, when [redacted] was

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[redacted] The report further stated that [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

The Bureau's files contain no information concerning the reliability of the [REDACTED] more recent than August 23, 1950. Under that date, a G-2 report described the [REDACTED] as "a shining beacon in the [REDACTED] law enforcement picture." It was stated that the [REDACTED] retained a reputation for integrity and honesty despite the universal acceptance of graft in other police organizations. This was attributed to the high sense of honor built up in the unit and to the more stringent qualifications for employment. Another favorable aspect of [REDACTED] work was said to be the efforts to improve training and efficiency not only within the organization itself but in all [REDACTED] law enforcement agencies. A so-called [REDACTED] exists which was said to have trained about 75 officers in each class from all kinds of police agencies throughout the country. The Academy was suspended due to a shortage of funds, however. The [REDACTED] was further said to have taken pains to purchase the latest crime detecting equipment, chiefly from the United States. According to the report, the [REDACTED] functions under the Department of Justice and unlike the FBI, its work is not limited to violations of "Federal laws." The report further described the work of the [REDACTED] as highly efficient. The chief danger to the [REDACTED] was said to lie in the fact that it is constantly exposed to politics although, according to the report, the investigations involving politics which the [REDACTED] had undertaken prior to the date of the report displayed a commendable nonpartisanship and efficiency. All of this was said to be due to the able direction of [REDACTED] the head of the [REDACTED] who was described as a man of high integrity. (64-29833-239) b7D

Inasmuch as there is no recent information concerning the reliability of [REDACTED] the integrity of the [REDACTED] it is believed that collaboration with the [REDACTED] should, for the time being, be cautious. The [REDACTED] itself is apparently of low public morals and it is believed that until information is received concerning the reliability of the [REDACTED] under its present leadership, we should be circumspect in furnishing that organization information of a highly confidential nature. It is possible, however, that in some particular instances the Bureau may desire to furnish information to the [REDACTED] relative to well-known Communists who are going to the [REDACTED] or similar matters which might be of interest to the [REDACTED] which would not prejudice Bureau investigations. It is also possible that in the future the Bureau may at sometime wish to request information from the [REDACTED] b7D

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above circumstances, it is recommended that [redacted]

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[redacted] If an occasion arises in which the question may come up as to whether or not information should be furnished to the [redacted] each case will be considered on an individual basis.

There is attached a proposed letter [redacted] acknowledging the receipt of his communication and offering to cooperate in matters of mutual interest.

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It is further recommended that after transmittal of this letter, this memorandum and the incoming letter from [redacted] be referred to [redacted] of the Espionage Section for further action.

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Room 1712

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/7/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/9,15;2/15,17; 3/6,17,27;4/13, 19,20,23/51	REPORT MADE BY JAMES J. MCCARTHY
TITLE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - P.I.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL LEE ASH, Jr., is bibliographer for Argosy Book Store, 114 East 59th St., NYC, and has stated to an informant that he has never been in the Philippine Islands. Other informants not acquainted with LEE ASH, Jr., who has no credit or criminal record in NYC. Contacts of ASH set out. COSME PORTILLA born 9/22/91 at Saro, Leyte, P. I., served in U.S. Navy from 7/22/14 to 9/4/18, when he received an honorable discharge. GALO O'CAMPO reported to have returned to Manila via United Airlines on 9/8/50, after his employment as Technical Assistant to the Philippine Mission to the UN was terminated in August, 1950. Other informants not acquainted with O'CAMPO. - P - cc's by 2/20 to CIA, State, G-2, ONI, 5-17-51 WS. Ticked by 12/10/51 unid kept by unid 1/19/51			
DETAILS: LEE ASH, JR. Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, on March 19, 1951, reported that LEE ASH, Jr.,			
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was the bibliographer for the Argosy Book Store, 114 East 59th Street, New York City.

The same informant had previously reported on January 29, 1951, that LEWIS COHEN operated the Argosy Book Store at 114 East 59th Street, New York City.

On February 15, 1951, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, was informed by LEE ASH, JR., that ASH had never been in the Philippine Islands.

On April 23, 1951, Confidential Informants T-3, T-4, T-5, T-6, T-7, and T-8, all of known reliability, stated that they were not acquainted with LEE ASH, Jr., and had never heard of him.

A check of the morgue of the "New York Times" on March 27, 1951, failed to reflect any information on LEE ASH, Jr.

On January 15, 1951, Confidential Informant T-9 of known reliability, reviewed his records, but was unable to find any record of LEE ASH, Jr.

A review of the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York by SA [redacted] failed to reflect any record of LEE ASH, Jr.

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A check of the records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, failed to reflect any record on LEE ASH, Jr.

Confidential Informant T-1 on March 6, 1951, advised that on the dates listed below LEE ASH, Jr., was in contact with the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
9/19/50	ENOCH at Greenwich 8, Connecticut, telephone number Greenwich 4370

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	
11/6 & 9/50	[redacted]	Putnam, Connecticut, telephone number Putnam 1768J3
11/16/50 12/18/50 1/22/51	[redacted]	Middletown, New York, telephone number Middletown 3535
12/29/50 2/5/51	Mr. CHARLES J. MILLER,	2128 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, telephone number Rittenhouse 6-7527

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On March 6, 1951, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that LEE ASH, Jr., sent birthday greetings to Master ROBERT NERBER at Woodstock Valley, Connecticut.

On April 20, 1951, Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, confirmed the fact that the above birthday greetings were sent to Master ROBERT NERBER by LEE ASH, Jr.

Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, has advised that LEE ASH, Jr., was contacted by the following on the dates indicated below:

<u>Date</u>	
3/6/51	Microcard Foundation, Wesleyan University Station, Middletown, Connecticut
3/9/51	Suite 407, 587 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois
3/9/51	The H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, New York 52, New York
3/14/51	Aetna Life Insurance Company, 181 William Street, New York City

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THOMAS AMELIA, 329 South Hicks
Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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[redacted] Chicago 3,
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[redacted] Potter-Hamilton
Company, 400 Madison Avenue,
New York City

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The W. W. Wilson Company, 950
University Avenue, New York City

It should be noted that on June 3, 1948, an undated letter was received from an individual who signed himself only as "A Citizen." The letter stated that LOUIS COHEN, who owned the Argosy Book Store at 59th Street, New York City, and his wife were both rabid Communists. The letter did not furnish any information to support the above statement.

COSME PORTILLA

On March 17, 1951, SA [redacted] obtained the following information concerning COSME PORTILLA from the United States Navy records at Garden City, Long Island, New York:

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COSME PORTILLA was born on September 27, 1891, at Saro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, and served in the United States Navy from July 22, 1914, to September 4, 1918, when he received an honorable discharge. His allotment form dated January 1, 1918, listed his wife, ELEANOR HOLLIDAY PORTILLA, Annapolis, Maryland, as his next of kin. The records also reflected that he had a

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[redacted] who was born [redacted]
[redacted] and that his father was TELESFORO PORTILLA.

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The records further showed that he enlisted at Cavite, Philippine Islands, and was discharged at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His Naval record was clear.

GALO O'CAMPO

Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, checked his records and advised that GALO O'CAMPO'S employment as a Technical Assistant at the Philippine Mission to the United Nations, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, was terminated at the end of August, 1950. The informant continued that GALO O'CAMPO left for Manila, Philippine Islands, on September 8, 1950, via United Airlines. The informant recalled that shortly thereafter he heard from friends that O'CAMPO had been seen in Manila.

On March 27, 1951, SA [redacted] ascertained that there was no record of GALO O'CAMPO at the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City.

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On April 13, 1951, Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, stated that the delegations to the United Nations are separate and apart from the United Nations Secretariat and that GALO O'CAMPO was at one time employed by the Philippine Mission to the United Nations and not by the United Nations Secretariat. The informant stated that he was not acquainted with O'CAMPO.

Confidential Informants T-14, T-15, and T-16, all of known reliability, advised that they were unable to furnish any information concerning O'CAMPO.

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA JAMES J. McCARTHY dated May 7, 1951 at New York are identified as follows:

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- T-1 [redacted] who furnished information to SE WILLIAM H. STAPLETON.
- T-2 A pretext telephone call to LEE ASH, Jr., on February 15, 1951, by SA JAMES J. McCARTHY.
- T-3 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- T-4 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- T-5 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- T-6 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- T-7 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- T-8 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- T-9 Confidential Source [redacted] to SA [redacted]
- T-10 Confidential Source [redacted] to SA [redacted]
- T-11 A 30-day mail cover on LEE ASH, Jr., 114 East 59th Street, New York City

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City, who furnished information to
SA JAMES J. McCARTHY.

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who furnished information
to SA [REDACTED]

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to SA [REDACTED]

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who furnished information
to SA [REDACTED]

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to SA [REDACTED]

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LEADS

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At Chicago, Illinois

Will attempt to identify the following:

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Chicago, Illinois

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[redacted] Suite 827-29, 120 South La Salle
Street, Chicago 3, Illinois

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At Middletown, Connecticut

Will attempt to identify the following:

covered 1-6-51 The Microcard Foundation, Wesleyan University
Station, Middletown, Connecticut

At Greenwich, Connecticut

Will attempt to identify a contact of the
subject who is listed only as ENOCH at telephone number
Greenwich 4370, Greenwich 8, Connecticut.

At Putnam, Connecticut

Will attempt to identify [redacted] at
telephone number Putnam 1768J3.

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PHILADELPHIA

covered 1-6-51 Will attempt to identify THOMAS AMELIA,
329 South Hicks Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Will also attempt to identify CHARLES J.
MILLER, 2128 Locust Street, telephone number Rittenhouse
6-7527.

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At Middletown, New York

Will identify [] telephone number
Middletown 3535.

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At New York, New York

Will attempt to identify the following who
were in contact with the subject:

The H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University
Avenue, New York 52, New York

BRETT WYCROFF, Potter-Hamilton Company,
400 Madison Avenue, New York City

Will contact the Health Insurance Plan,
425 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, for background
data on LEE ASH, Jr., and LEWIS COHEN, the proprietor
of the Argosy Book Store.

Will contact [] of the []
[] for any information
he may have concerning LEE ASH, Jr.

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Will consider contacting the Aetna Life
Insurance Company, 181 William Street, New York City, for
background data on LEE ASH, Jr.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field, 11/30/50.
Report of SA [] Philadelphia,
1/15/51.
Report of SA [] Washington, D.C.,
3/5/51.

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This Case Originated At WASHINGTON FIELD File No. 105-522

Report Made At CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Date Made 5/8/51 Period for Which Made 3/28; 4/5, 6/51

Report Made By [Redacted] HHW:ms

Title COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Character Of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

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SYNOPSIS: LEOVIGALDO POTASCIL, reported in 1940 as secretary of the Filipino Branch of the Communist Party in Chicago, is said to have gone to the Hawaiian Islands in 1947.

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DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois

T-1, of unknown reliability, who is well acquainted among the Filipinos at Chicago, advised on March 28, 1951, that he recently heard from a reliable source that LEOVIGALDO POTASCIL, also known as LEO POTASCIL, is in the Hawaiian Islands and that he had been there since 1947. His exact location in the Islands is not known to the informant.

T-1 related that POTASCIL was an associate of ANTONIO HERMOSURA, formerly a patient at Hines Hospital, Hines, Illinois, who had a Communist reputation when he resided at Chicago until a few years ago when he returned to the Philippine Islands. He added that HERMOSURA and POTASCIL had been active in the Balintwak Club, of Filipino origin, no longer active in Chicago.

He described POTASCIL as follows:

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Age	46
Height	5'3"
Weight	130 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Address	Hawaiian Islands (exact address unknown)
Characteristics	Immaculate dresser -- round face
Build	Slight
Complexion	Dark
Marital Status	Married (wife of German birth)

The House Committee on Un-American Activities reported on April 21, 1940, that LEO POTASCIL and HERMOSURA were members of the Balintwak Club, a Communist front organization and described the leaders of this club as Communists, stating that LEO POTASCIL, one of its members, was secretary of the Filipino Branch of the Communist Party in Chicago at that time.

T-2, of known reliability, related in May, 1945, that TONY ~~HERMOSURA~~, then located at Hines Hospital, had been issued 1945 Communist Political Association Registration Card No. 56510. According to this source, HERMOSURA was a member of the Hyde Park Club of the CPA and was unemployed at the time, having entered Hines Hospital in September, 1944.

The Communist Political Association has been designated a Communist organization by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

T-1 on March 28, 1951, advised he was well acquainted with certain members of the Filipino Consulate at Chicago and that he had discreetly ascertained from one of these officials that the Filipino Consulate at Chicago was not aware of any Hukbalahap activity or influence in this area.

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It is pointed out that a lead was set out in referenced report to interview [REDACTED]



[REDACTED] Accordingly, this lead is not being covered unless requested by the office of origin.

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A copy of this report is being forwarded for the information of the Honolulu Division inasmuch as POTASCIL reportedly went to the Hawaiian Islands in 1947.

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of the U. S. Post Office. He advised the writer
on March 28, 1951.

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Anonymous source.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/15/51 at
Chicago.

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TITLE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS			CHARACTER OF CASE <i>b6 per FBI b7C</i> INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **IEOVIGILDO EDUARDO GACCAM PATACSIL** born Philippine Islands 11/15/11; became U.S. citizen 8/28/47. He is possibly identical with **IEOVIGALDO POTASCIL**, reported in 1940 as Secretary of the Filipino Branch, Communist Party, Chicago, Illinois.

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The House Committee on Un-American Activities reported on 4/21/40 that **LEO-POTASCIL**, a member of the Balintwak Club, a Communist front organization, was Secretary of the Filipino Branch of the Communist Party in Chicago at that time.

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LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will check records of U. S. Immigration & Naturalization regarding LEONIGILDO EDUARDO CACCAI PATASCIL and furnish to Honolulu a copy of a report, inasmuch as referenced report indicates PATASCIL is now in the Territory of Hawaii.

HONOLULU OFFICE

AT HONOLULU, T. H.: Will attempt to identify and ascertain current activities of LEONIGILDO EDUARDO CACCAI PATASCIL.

CHICAGO OFFICE

A copy of this report is being designated to Chicago, inasmuch as information regarding PATASCIL originated in that Division.

REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 5/8/51 at Chicago. b6
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 14, 1951

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI
(Bufile 64-200-239)

Rebulet requesting Los Angeles Office to identify and ascertain whereabouts of PEDRO HALLONDA, dated April 6, 1951.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles by teletype on May 7, 1951, advised they had a record of a Motor Vehicle Operator's License No. B 51D453 issued November 3, 1948, to PEDRO PAJOTA HOLANDA, P. O. Box 575, Riverbank, California. HOLANDA is described by the Department of Motor Vehicles as male; Filipino; born April 13, 1906; 5' 5½"; 142 pounds; eyes and hair black.

Enclosure to above-mentioned Bulet indicates that one PEDRO HALLONDA was a resident of "Reumbank", California, and also suggests that this city may possibly be Burbank.

Since information in the Department of Motor Vehicles files reflect that one PEDRO PAJOTA HOLANDA is actually a resident of Riverbank in the San Francisco territory a copy of this letter together with enclosures thereto are being forwarded to San Francisco for appropriate handling.

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cc: Washington Field Office
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REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE MAY 26 1951	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/24/51; 5/5,7-9,14-16/51	REPORT MADE BY EDWIN P. PARK
TITLE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-PI
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p><i>cc/state by r/a 6-2 Photostat by r/a OSI ONI INS 6-12-51 WBS</i></p> <p>MANUEL MICLAF INSIGNE, born February 24, 1901 at Lubang, Mindoro, P. I., a citizen of the Philippine Islands, presently resides at Sacramento, California where he is co-owner and Editor of the "Bataan News", a semi-monthly Filipino newspaper. Records San Francisco T-5 and T-6, other governmental agencies, reflect INSIGNE arrived in United States in 1926 for permanent residence and has since been employed in farm labor relations and newspaper work. Records of other governmental agencies and acquaintances fail to substantiate any allegation that INSIGNE has ever been active or sympathetic toward the Communist Party or the Hukbalahap movement in the Philippine Islands. Background information and description set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- RUC -</p>			
DETAILS: <p>In connection with the investigation of instant case, San Francisco T-1, of unknown reliability, advised on February 15, 1951 that MANUEL INSIGNE, who was identified as the Managing Editor of the "Bataan News", a periodical, published in the vicinity of San Francisco, California, is a "radical" with extreme "leftist views" and would probably assist the Hukbalahap movement against the present government of the Philippine Islands.</p> <p>[REDACTED] Adult Probation Officer for Santa Clara County, San Jose, California, on November 5, 1941 reported to the San Francisco Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had been in contact with MANUEL INSIGNE, who resides at the Romona Hotel at Sacramento, California. [REDACTED] revealed that INSIGNE was a leader</p>			
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of the Filipino population on the West Coast and that on one occasion INSIGNE has shown him a letter, which he (INSIGNE) had received from one VILLIMAN, leading Filipino economist in Washington, D. C., stating that INSIGNE should contact the F.B.I. and obtain cooperation from his fellow countrymen in the United States to be alert for any un-American activities on the part of the Japanese.

On December 13, 1941 MANUEL INSIGNE appeared at the San Francisco Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and identified himself as being the President of the Pacific Coast Filipino Inter-Community Organization and was active in advising members of the Filipino Community in the State of California concerning matters involving business, law enforcement and other situations wherein conflict arises between races. INSIGNE further stated that at this time he was active among Japanese laborers and Japanese employers of farm laborers.

San Francisco T-2, of unknown reliability, had previously reported in 1942 that MANUEL INSIGNE was a supporter of the SAKDALISTA group, which was organized in 1933 for the purpose of promoting immediate independence for the Philippine Islands.

San Francisco T-3, of unknown reliability, reported in 1943 that MANUEL INSIGNE was the Grand Master of a fraternity known as the ~~ANAK NG~~ FUKID, which later became the SAKDALISTA. T-3 also advised that the latter organization advocated independence for the Philippine Islands.

On February 16, 1950 MANUEL MICLAT INSIGNE, Editor of the "Bataan News", 925 4th Street, Sacramento, California, was contacted by an agent of the F.B.I. in connection with another investigation, at which time he advised that as a newspaperman, he was well acquainted with the Filipino people, not only in the State of California, but throughout the United States. He pointed out that his work as newspaperman keeps him in frequent contact with the fraternal and political groups of the Filipino race, and that he would cooperate to the fullest in furnishing information regarding the Filipino people to the F.B.I.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, advised on April 22, 1951 that [redacted] MANUEL INSIGNE, whom he described as an "anti-Communist" beyond any doubt. He stated that INSIGNE presently resides at the Romona Hotel in Sacramento, California and is the Managing Editor of the "Bataan News", a Filipino newspaper which is published and distributed in Sacramento, California among the Filipino people residing in the immediate area, as well as in the agricultural areas of Northern California. b7D

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AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, advised the true and full name of INSIGNE is MANUEL MICLAT INSIGNE, who is a citizen of the Philippine Islands, having been born on February 24, 1901 at Lubang, Mindora, Philippine Islands. He has Alien Registration No. 3511655 and has been known to have resided continuously at the Romona Hotel, 6th and J Streets, Sacramento, California, since early 1941-1942. During this period, INSIGNE has occupied himself as the Managing Editor of the "Bataan News", a Filipino periodical.

With regards to occupational activity, INSIGNE advised T-5 that since his arrival in the United States on July 27, 1926 he has been continuously employed in the capacity of farm labor management, newspaper work and industrial relations. He further related to T-5 that he had been formerly employed as "Editorial Writer" and "Executive Editor" for the Philippine Mail, a newspaper published at Salinas, California, instant employment having taken place in 1937-1938. From 1938 to 1939 he indicated that he had been employed as "Executive Editor" of the Philippine Mail and also worked as part-time cannery worker in a fish cannery. The cannery employment was with the San Carlos Canning Company at Long Beach, California. INSIGNE further related that through the years he has been directly and indirectly associated with the Filipino Agricultural Labor Association as Business Agent.

Prior to 1937, according to T-5, MANUEL INSIGNE was employed by the S. A. Gerrard Company, Inc., headquarters office located 33 Oak Street, Lodi, California, whose business consisted of the growing, shipping and distribution of fruits and vegetables. INSIGNE, according to T-5, was with the Gerrard Company for approximately 10 years.

With regards to marital status, T-5 advised that MANUEL INSIGNE was married at Stockton, California in December, 1928 to one MELECIA INSIGNE; however, became divorced from his wife in August, 1931 and has never remarried.

T-5 further advised that INSIGNE has two daughters by the previously mentioned marriage, namely [redacted] born [redacted] at San Francisco, California, and [redacted] born [redacted] also at San Francisco, California. The two daughters, according to T-5, were last known to reside with their mother, since remarried, at [redacted] California.

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ACQUAINTANCES

JUAN NERI, Sr., employee of the McClellan Air Force Base, California, residing 3001 22nd Avenue, Sacramento, California, advised he has known MANUEL INSIGNE since about 1934 and has been a fairly close associate in recent years. NERI advised further that he (NERI) is presently the President of the Filipino Inter-Community Association for the years 1950-1951, explaining that the association which has been active for many years was organized principally for the purpose of providing welfare for Filipino people residing in the immediate Sacramento area. INSIGNE, according to NERI, is presently acting in the capacity of advisor for this group and is looked upon by the Filipino people in the immediate area as a true democratic leader. NERI further related that INSIGNE is perhaps one of the most influential individuals among the Filipino people in Northern California.

NERI related that MANUEL INSIGNE is presently employed as the Managing Editor of the "Bataan News" which is published and distributed in the Sacramento area among the Filipino people. The newspaper, according to NERI, is published semi-monthly and is written in the English language. The newspaper, according to NERI, is strictly democratic in its makeup and to his knowledge has no connections with the press in the Philippine Islands.

NERI further stated that throughout the years he has always found INSIGNE to be most loyal and patriotic to the United States and even though

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INSIGNE is not a citizen of the United States, he believed him to profess the democratic principles of this country. NERI stated that he has never heard anyone express or imply that INSIGNE was sympathetic to the Communist Party or any other subversive organization. He stated further that INSIGNE in his editorials in "Bataan News" has always stressed the democratic principles of the United States.

Mrs. FELICIANA NERI, wife of JUAN NERI, residing 3001 22nd Avenue, Sacramento, former President of the Filipino Women's Inter-Community Association, (1945-1946), advised she has known MANUEL INSIGNE for the past ten years and during the period she served as President of the Filipino Women's Inter-Community Association she worked very closely with INSIGNE who at that time also served as advisor to the group. Mrs. NERI related that she always found INSIGNE to be loyal to the democratic principles of the United States and could offer no information of a derogatory nature regarding INSIGNE.

LEOPOLDO FULGENCIO BAUTISTA, owner of the Modern Barber Shop, 321 1/2 L Street, Sacramento, California, residence address 310 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, presently serving as the Post Adjutant of American Legion Post No. 604, Sacramento, advised he has known MANUEL INSIGNE for approximately 15 years. He stated that INSIGNE is well known to the Filipino people in the Sacramento area, not only through his writings in the "Bataan News", but through his association and influence in connection with the different Filipino civic organizations. INSIGNE, according to BAUTISTA, bears an excellent reputation throughout the years and is considered to be most loyal to the United States. BAUTISTA further advised that he has never heard anyone make the statement or suggest that INSIGNE belonged to any organization which might be considered subversive. He stated further that INSIGNE, to his knowledge, made no statement verbally or through his editorials which might imply or suggest any disloyalty on his part to the United States. BAUTISTA stated that INSIGNE in his estimation, is definitely "anti-Communist".

[redacted] employee of the Sacramento Signal Depot, U. S. Army, Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, California, residing [redacted] Sacramento [redacted] of American Legion Post No. 604, Sacramento, California, advised he has known MANUEL INSIGNE for at least ten or twelve years.

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[redacted] stated that he has never been closely associated with INSIGNE, but is acquainted with him. He related that INSIGNE in his official capacity as advisor to the Filipino Inter-Community Association in Sacramento, is quite well known to the Filipino people and is highly

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regarded. He stated that nothing has ever come to his attention throughout the years which might suggest that INSIGNE belonged to any organization which might be considered subversive or disloyal to the United States. He stated that INSIGNE has always stressed democratic principles in his editorials in the "Bataan News".

[redacted] employed as a barber at Henry's Barber Shop, located 305 1/2 L Street, Sacramento, California, residence address [redacted] Sacramento, an active member of the American Legion Post No. 601, Sacramento, advised he has known MANUEL INSIGNE for at least ten years. [redacted] related that to this knowledge INSIGNE is loyal in every respect to the United States. He stated that nothing has ever been brought to his attention which would suggest the possibility that INSIGNE is or was a Communist or has he ever expressed any favor to any organization which might be considered subversive either to the United States or the Philippine Islands' present government. [redacted] stated further that even though INSIGNE is not a citizen of the United States at the present and due to his age, unable to serve this country in the U. S. Armed Forces, he has always been considered patriotic and loyal to the United States.

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ELIAS CABRIDILLO, Vice President of the Federated Agricultural Association, residing Route 8, Box 1775, Sacramento, California, advised he has known MANUEL INSIGNE for approximately 12 years and has been closely associated with INSIGNE in labor management and labor problems among the Filipino people throughout the Sacramento, California area. CABRIDILLO stated that he considered INSIGNE a very democratic man and believed him to be most loyal to this country. He related that INSIGNE has definitely been a friend to the Filipino laborer, in that he has through the years spent considerable free time in improving working conditions between the Filipino laborer and his employer in the agricultural areas.

CABRIDILLO stated that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning INSIGNE and believed him to be a highly reputable individual.

CHRISTOPHER BANG, Manager, Hotel Romona, 1007 6th Street, Sacramento, California, advised MANUEL INSIGNE has been a continuous resident of that hotel for the past 11 years. BANG stated that he was not a close acquaintance of INSIGNE, but throughout the years has found him to be a man of excellent character and reputation. Mr. BANG related that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature and could not furnish any adverse information concerning INSIGNE and believed him to be loyal to the United States.

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The files of the Sacramento Retail Credit Association and the Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento, California, contain no information relative to MANUEL M. INSIGNE.

The following is a description of MANUEL MICLAT INSIGNE as obtained from San Francisco T-5:

Name:	MANUEL MICLAT INSIGNE
Race:	Filipino
Born:	February 24, 1901 at Lubang, Mindora, Philippine Islands
Citizenship:	Citizen of P.I., AR No. 3511655
Height:	5' 4"
Weight:	186
Hair:	Gray
Eyes:	Black
Scars and Marks:	Mole at right upper lip
Marital Status:	Married (Divorced) Former wife - MELECIA VILLAMOR Married at Stockton, Calif. December, 1928; divorced August, 1931
Children:	2 daughters - [redacted] Born [redacted] [redacted] at [redacted] California [redacted] Born [redacted] [redacted] at [redacted] California
Last Known Address of Wife and Daughter:	[redacted] California
Education:	8th Grade
Occupation:	Newspaper writer, labor management
Residence Address:	1007 6th Street, Sacramento, Calif.
Social Security No.:	566-20-1052
Relatives:	Father - VICTOR INSIGNE Mother - EDUARDA MICLAT Both as of 1926 residing Manila, P.I.
Military Service:	None
Identification Record:	Unknown

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San Francisco T-1 - [redacted]
[redacted] Washington, D. C., who furnished information to Special Agents GEORGE E. DAVIS and JAMES O. NEWPHER of the Washington Field Office on February 15, 1951.

San Francisco T-2 - [redacted]

San Francisco T-3 - [redacted] Private, U. S. Army.

San Francisco T-4 - [redacted] who furnished information to Special Agent VINICIO H. NASCA on April 2, 1951 at San Francisco, California.

San Francisco T-5 - Records, California State Selective Service Record Depot, 1730 24th Street, Sacramento, California, as furnished by SA EDWIN P. PARK on May 5, 1951 by [redacted] Acting Record Supervisor.

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REFERENCE - Bureau letter to San Francisco dated March 21, 1951.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: June 1, 1951

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To:

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
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On May 17, 1951, Martires M. Monosco, 959 Adobe Street, Los Angeles, California, advised our Los Angeles office that he is the editor of the Filipino monthly newspaper, "Laging Uno," (Always First), and that he, Monosco, had recently talked to Carlos Bulosan. Bulosan informed Monosco that he, Bulosan, was in touch with Luis Taruc, leader of the Huks in the Philippine Islands, and that Taruc was last known to be residing in the town of Arayat, Pampanga, P. I.

Bulosan stated that he was going to obtain a statement from Taruc "to his people" to be published in the Filipino press in Los Angeles.

You will recall that Carlos Bulosan is presently the subject of an investigation by this Bureau and that investigative reports covering his activities in the U.S. have previously been made available to you.

The above is submitted for your information and is not intended for dissemination outside your respective agencies.

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cc - 100-270827 (Carlos Bulosan)

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Washington, D. C.

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The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 105-1397

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE JUN 1 1951	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/15-17, 19, 20, 26; 3/1, 6, 7, 14, 23; 4/4, 5, 10, 19, 23/51	REPORT MADE BY JAMES O. NEWPHER JON:ear
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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T-1 advised Huk organization now headed by JOSE LAVA after recent shakeup. This interpreted as closer association with Russia. Informant advised ANGEL BAKING, recently arrested for Huk collaboration; RENATO CONSTANTINO being watched for his leftist views. AMADO HERNANDEZ, Phillipine Labor Leader, also sympathetic toward Huk. HERNANDEZ visited the United States in 1949, had difficulty obtaining visa due to association with Huks and suspicions of being a Communist, according to T-2. MANUEL INSIGNE, Sacramento, California, may possibly assist Huks, as well as FLORENCE WRIGHT, nee LAV, of Philadelphia, HILARO CAMINO MONCADO and LAURO PORTILLA, both of Los Angeles, according to T-1. COSME PORTILLA, Philadelphia, came to U. S. 1914; served in U. S. Navy 1914 to 1918; resided 2016 Wilder Street, Philadelphia, as of December, 1940. No record NICKOLI PROKUSHKIN, Merchant Marine Service. NICHOLAS PROKOOSHKIN, Merchant Marine, resides 455 22nd Avenue, San Francisco; born 9-17- Toms, Russia, made 47 recorded voyages 2--40 to 1-3-51.

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Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that the Huks are Communist led, and that the Philippine Government has seized publications and propaganda literature issued by the Huks to support this charge. The Informant stated there are about 10,000 active Huks in the Philippine Islands, of whom 5,000 are armed.

According to the Informant, the only evidence of a foreign power aiding the Huks is against the Communist Government of China, and it has been reliably reported to T-1 that there are about 500,000 Chinese in the Philippine Islands, of which about one-half entered the country illegally.

T-1 also advised that it had been ascertained through reliable sources that a shakeup had occurred in the Huk organization sometime around February, 1951. As of March 5, 1951, according to Informant, the Huk organization was headed by JOSE LAVA, brother to JESUS and VICENTE (VACINTE) LAVA, the latter now deceased. LUIS TARUC, formerly number one man in the organization, had been relegated to number three position and the second in command is now DELE CASTELLO. The Informant described JOSE LAVA as a very intelligent person, and his ascension to the number one position has been interpreted by the Philippine Government as a closer association between the Huks and Russia, which will result in a more closely knit and better disciplined organization. TARUC was described by T-1 as a "Tito" or nationalist type of Communist and LAVA as the Russian type of Communist.

Concerning persons known or suspected of Huk collaboration or association, as well as persons in the United States who might possibly assist the Huk movement, T-1 gave the following information:

RENATO CCNSTANTINO

T-1 advised RENATO CCNSTANTINO, a counselor in the Department of Foreign Affairs, was on the staff of the Philippine Mission to the United Nations about two years ago and returned to the Philippines around 1948. CCNSTANTINO is regarded as extremely leftist in his views and is presently being watched by the Philippine Government.

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ANGEL BAKING

T-1 advised that ~~ANGEL BAKING~~, formerly in the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs, was recently arrested by the Philippine Government for his association and collaboration with the Huks. At the time BAKING was arrested, RENATO CONSTANTINO, mentioned above, was with him. T-1 also stated that BAKING had held a responsible position in the Bagio Conference held in the Philippines about one and one-half years ago.

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AMADO HERNANDEZ

Another, sympathetic toward the Huk movement, according to T-1, is AMADO HERNANDEZ, now a member of the Municipal Board of Manila. HERNANDEZ is also a labor leader and associated with the Congress of Labor Organization (CLO) in the Philippines. Informant stated HERNANDEZ came to the United States a couple of years ago and at that time had difficulty obtaining a United States visa. While in the United States, HERNANDEZ was in contact with HENRY A. WALLACE, former Vice President of United States, and PAUL ROBESON, whose visit to the Philippines HERNANDEZ arranged.

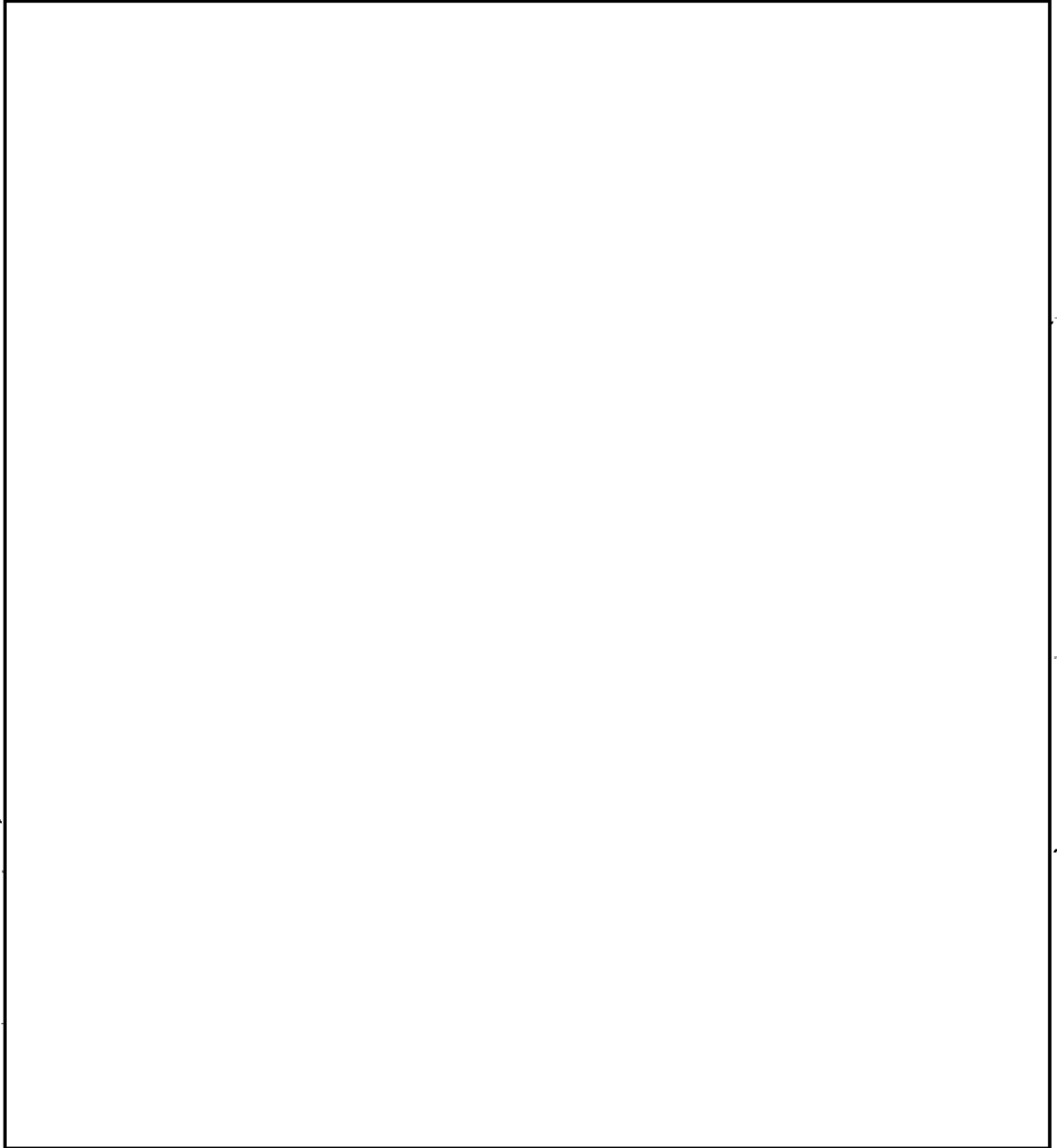
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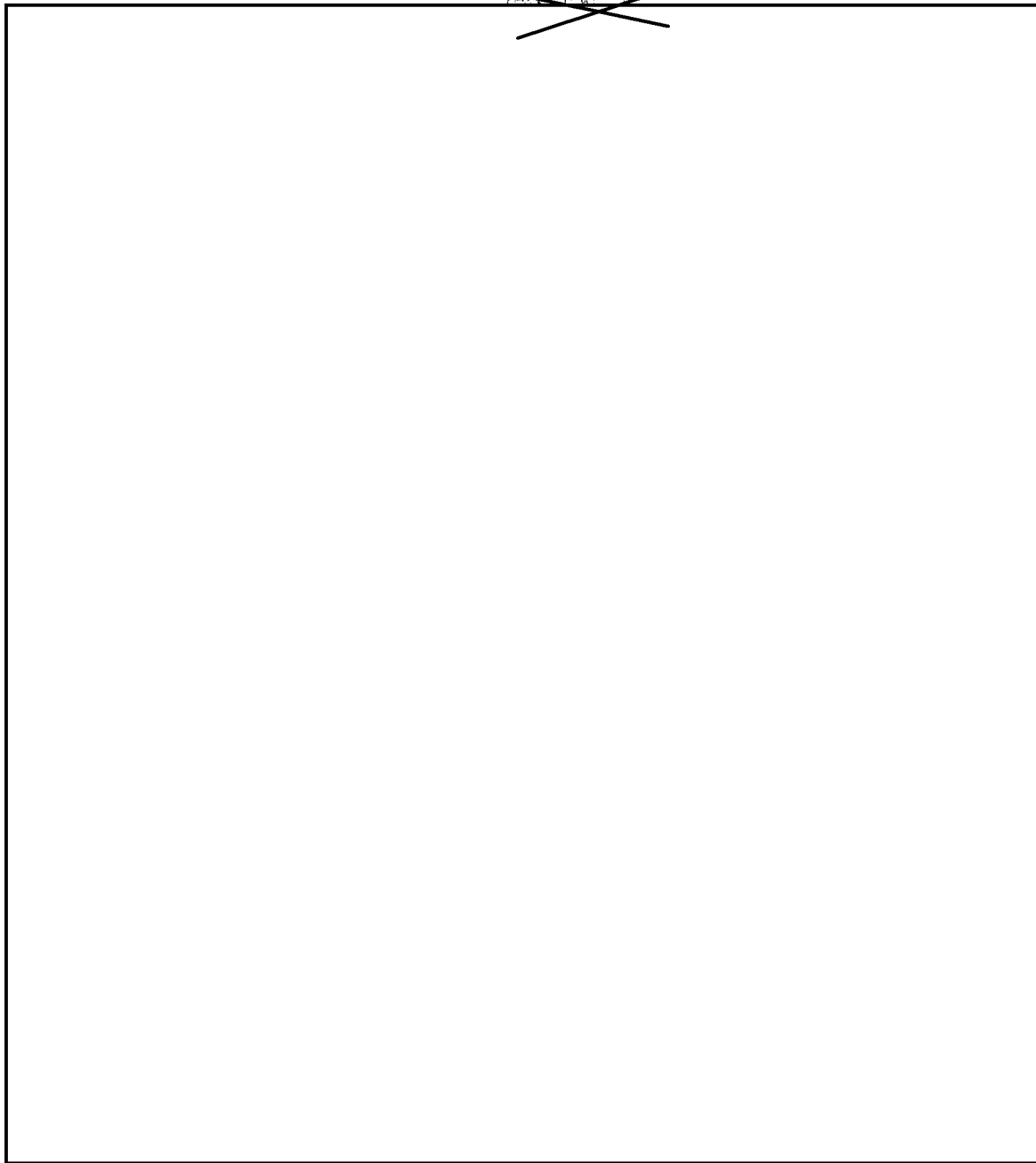
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Birth	September 13, 1903, Manila, P. I.	SECRET
Height	5'6"	
Hair	Black	
Eyes	Brown	
Marks	Mole on forehead	
Wife	HONORATA HERNANDEZ	
Home address	100 West Pampanga, Manila.	Referral/Direct

MANUEL INSIGNE

Confidential Informant T-1 described MANUEL INSIGNE, Editor, "Bataan News", 925 4th Street, Sacramento, California, (P. O. Box 521) as a radical and rabble rouser, who would probably assist the Huk movement. According to T-1, INSIGNE was on the pay roll of the United States Resident-Commissioner of the Philippines, immediately prior to World War II, for the purpose of keeping Philippine labor in line. T-1 pointed out that this employment was not official, but was a personal relationship between the Commissioner and INSIGNE.

There was no record of MANUEL INSIGNE in the files of the Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, nor in the Security or Passport Division of the Department of State.

FLORENCE WRIGHT, nee Lava

As mentioned above, VICENTE LAVA, a brother to the present leader of the Huks, is now deceased. However, T-1 has advised that VICENTE'S daughter, FLORENCE, is now residing in Philadelphia, employed by the magazine, "Ladies Home Journal" of that city and married to one JOHN of WILLIAM WRIGHT, JR. The Informant also advised that Mrs. WRIGHT may possibly be sympathetic toward the Huk movement, inasmuch as the entire LAVA family is so inclined.

The records of the Central Office, INS, contain no record of FLORENCE WRIGHT, nee LAVA.

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HILARO CAMINO MONCADO

According to T-1, ~~HILARO CAMINO MONCADO~~, a Filipino who has applied for citizenship and now residing in Los Angeles, is head of the Filipino Federation of America. MONCADO was indicted for collaboration with the Japanese during World War II, but was set free through amnesty by the Philippine President. As head of the Filipino Federation of America, MONCADO provides Philippine workers to ranchers, truck farmers, etc. on the West Coast, and as a result, is very influential among Filipinos on the West Coast. T-1 was of the opinion that MONCADO, in his position, might attempt to use the Filipino Federation and the many Philippine workers on the West Coast to the benefit of the Huk movement. Referral/Direct

LAURO PORTILLA

T-1 advised that LAURO PORTILLA, who is or has been associated with "The Beachcombers", a restaurant in Los Angeles, has made several trips to the Philippines since World War II - two within the past year. According to the Informant, the reason for PORTILLA'S trips has not been ascertained, but it was T-1's opinion that his activities may be in the interest of the Huks. There was no record of LAURO PORTILLA in the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service or the Passport Division, Department of State.

ORSONIC LACSON

T-1 also advised that ~~ORSONIC LACSON~~, formerly a newspaper man and now a Philippine Congressman, is very sympathetic toward the Huks, not as a Communist, but for reason of a conviction that the Huks are not being treated fairly.

COSME PORTILLA

Confidential Informant T-3, of unknown reliability, reported in January, 1951, that COSME PORTILLA, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and formerly of Caregara, Leyte, P. I., had served in the Pennsylvania National Guard and the United States Navy. T-3 stated he had not seen COSME PORTILLA for about ten years, but had heard from an unknown source

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that PORTILIA returned to the Philippine Islands and is now a leader in the Huk movement.

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There was no record of COSME PORTILIA in the files of the Visa, Security, and Passport Divisions of the Department of State; Office of Naval Intelligence; or the National Guard Bureau, Department of Defense.

GALO O'CAMPO

In October, 1950, it was reported by Confidential Informant T-4, of unknown reliability, that GALO O'CAMPO, formerly with Ambassador ROMULO'S offices in New York City, was sympathetic to the Huk movement. The records of INS, San Francisco, reflect that GALO O'CAMPO departed from the United States at Honolulu, August 3, 1950.

NICKOLI PROKUSHKIN and NICHOLAS ILAS PROKOOSHKIN

Confidential Informant T-5 in August, 1947, advised that NICKOLI PROKUSHKIN, a United States sailor aboard the steamship Hoover in 1945 and 1946, was used as a courier in and out of the Philippines for the purpose of carrying money for the Philippine Communists. The records of the Merchant Marine contain no information concerning NICKOLI PROKUSHKIN.

The records of the Merchant Marine reflect that NICHOLAS ILAS PROKOOSHKIN, born September 17, 1905, Russia, Merchant Marine number Z32549, made forty seven recorded voyages from February 1, 1940, to January 3, 1951. An application for a Seaman's Certificate for Service, dated June 15, 1937, reflected PROKOOSHKIN then resided at 616 South Bixel Street, Los Angeles, California. On January 25, 1943, he presented Certificate

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of Naturalization, number 5746764, issued by the District Court of San Francisco on the same date. The physical examination record dated December 13, 1943, reflects he was born in Tomsk, Russia, September 17, 1905, listed his next of kin, [redacted] Los Angeles. As of November 14, 1947, PROKOOSHKIN resided at 438A Height Street, San Francisco, California, and listed his next of kin, [redacted] residing at [redacted] California.

As of February 16, 1951, PROKOOSHKIN resided at 455 22nd Avenue, San Francisco, California, and his next of kin was MRS. ELIZABETH PROKOOSHKIN, wife, residing at the same address. 2

The following recorded voyages were made by PROKOOSHKIN during the period 1945 to 1947:

2-1-45 to 5-13-45	SS Cape Meares
1-22-46 to 5-1-46	SS President Grant
6-12-46 to 7-18-46	SS General M. C. Meigs
12-9-46 to 1-27-47	SS Marine Phoenix
5-13-47 to 7-3-47	SS General M. C. Meigs

All of the above voyages were foreign travel, and PROKOOSHKIN was assigned to the various ships mentioned above at San Francisco, California, and was also relieved of his duties at San Francisco.

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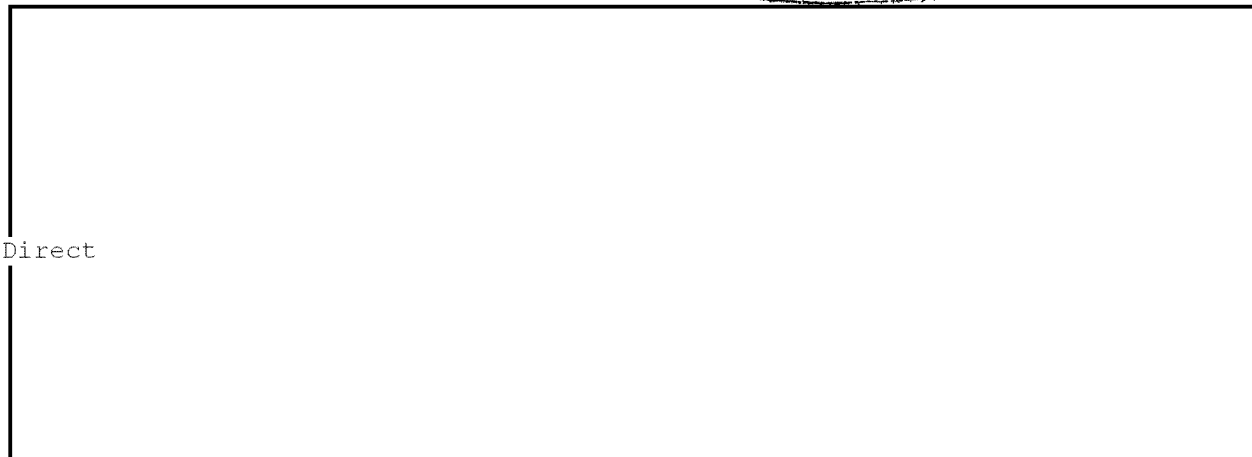
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as reflected in report of SA [REDACTED]
Philadelphia, Pa., dated 1-15-51 on instant
case.

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[REDACTED] Confidential Informant T-1
as reflected in report of SA [REDACTED]
Washington, D. C., dated 3-5-51, on instant
case.

T-5

[REDACTED] Confidential Informant T-2 as
reflected in report of SA [REDACTED]
Washington, D. C. dated 3-5-51.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

AT LOS ANGELES:

Will review [redacted] on HILARO CAMINO MONCADO Referral/Direct for background information.

Will determine the activities and associates of HILARO CAMINO MONCADO and ascertain if he is possibly assisting the Huks.

Will ascertain if the Filipino Federation of America is possibly assisting the Huks, and report background information on same organization.

Will check INS records for background information on LAURO PORTILLA and ascertain activities and associates and if he is possibly assisting the Huks.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE:

AT PHILADELPHIA:

Will review local INS records for background information on FLORENCE WRIGHT, nee LAVA, determine the present activities and associates of FLORENCE WRIGHT, nee LAVA, and ascertain if she is possibly assisting the Huks.

Will ascertain if COSME PORTILLA is still residing in Philadelphia area and if he is possibly assisting the Huks.

AT HARRISBURG:

Will review records of Pennsylvania National Guard at PNG Headquarters, Harrisburg, for service record of COSME PORTILLA.

NEW YORK OFFICE:

AT NEW YORK:

Will ascertain background and activities of "American Veterans of the Philippine Campaign", and determine if organization is possibly assisting the Filipino Huks.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

AT SACRAMENTO:

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Will determine the present activities and associates of MANUEL INSIGNE, 925 4th Street, Sacramento, California, and if he is possibly assisting the Huks.

AT SAN FRANCISCO:

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Will ascertain activities and associates of NICHOLAS PROKOOSHKIN, 455 22nd Avenue, San Francisco, California, and if he is possibly assisting the Huks.

WASHINGTON FIELD:

AT WASHINGTON:

arrived 1/17/51
Will make contact with available sources for additional information on this case.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [] Philadelphia, Pa., dated January 15, 1951.

Report of SA JAMES O. NEWPHER, Washington, D. C. dated 3-5-51.

Bureau letter to San Francisco dated 3-21-51.

San Francisco letter to Bureau dated 4-10-51.

Bureau letter to Washington Field dated 5-2-51.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: JUN 1 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT:

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI
(Bureau file 64-200-239)

Rerep of SA JAMES O. NEWPHER, Washington Field, dated JUN 1 1951
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The New Orleans Office should, through INS, New Orleans, ascertain the identity of the Informant and obtain any additional information pertinent to this case.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 7, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI
(Bufile 64-200-239)

Regarding report of Special Agent JAMES O. NEWPHER,
Washington, D. C. dated June 1, 1951.

A review of referenced report reflects copies of report
have not been designated for the San Francisco office. Accordingly,
two copies of report are being forwarded herewith to San Francisco.

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CC: San Francisco (Encl.)

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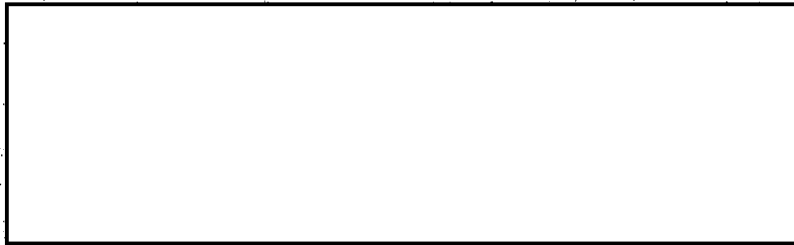
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: July 25, 1951

To:



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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

Referral/Consult

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 13, 1951.

also to the report of Special Agent James W. Newpher dated June 1, 1951, in the captioned matter, a copy of which was furnished to you.

On page 9 of Special Agent Newpher's report there



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In view of the above it is requested that your Agency furnish all pertinent data concerning



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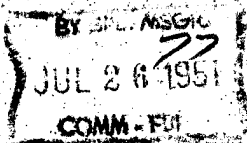
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 6, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

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Rebulet to Washington Field dated May 2, 1951, and report of
Special Agent JAMES O. NEWPHER, Washington, D. C., dated June 1, 1951.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 8, 1951

FROM : SAC, Honolulu

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
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Two copies of report of SA HAROLD L. CHILD, dated 5/15/51 at Honolulu, T. H., captioned as above, which inadvertently were not originally sent to the San Francisco Office, are being forwarded to San Francisco under cover of copy of this letter.

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TITLE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

COSME PORTILLA, FBI #639384A, presently resides 2001 West Columbia Avenue and employed by Arrow Decorating Company, 325 West Glenwood Avenue. One informant advised PORTILLA stated sometime in the 1930's that he was affiliated with the Communist Party. Another informant states he recalls seeing PORTILLA in a May Day demonstration sometime in the 1930's. Still another informant advised that PORTILLA stated at end of World War II that he planned to return to Philippines to organize for the Communists. However, informants have no knowledge that PORTILLA ever returned to the Philippine Islands. Neighbors and co-employees consider PORTILLA loyal, and he is unknown to informants having a general knowledge of Communist Party activities in Philadelphia. CHARLES J. MILLER, identified as a Retail Book Dealer, presently located at 405 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia. No credit or criminal record on CHARLES J. MILLER. THOMAS O. AMELIA, 329 South Hicks Street, Philadelphia, lists occupation as "Research", but records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., reflect that he was employed by the U. S. Department of Justice as a Clerk in 1942. Leads set out.

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DETAILS:

COSME PORTILLA

The records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., reflect that one COSME PORTILLA, as of 1945, resided at 2001 West Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, and formerly resided at 1620 West Oxford Avenue and 154 North Tenth Street, Philadelphia. His wife was listed as ELEANOR PORTILLA, and his place of employment as the U. S. Marine Corps, 1100 South Broad Street, Philadelphia.

The records of the FBI Identification Division reflect that COSME PORTILLA, FBI #639384A, was born September 27, 1891, at Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, his address as of 1942 was given as 154 North Tenth Street, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was LILLIAN PORTILLA, 2016 Wilder Street, Philadelphia.

MRS. ALMINA GIBSON, 2016 Wilder Street, advised that COSME PORTILLA lived at her house for about one month but that he left about 15 years ago. She stated that she never knew PORTILLA to be married, nor did she ever receive any indication that PORTILLA was disloyal to the United States. MRS. GIBSON stated that it is her opinion that PORTILLA was a loyal American. She also stated that the neighborhood has changed in 15 years and no one else lives there now who lived there when PORTILLA did.

MR. N. FISHEMAN, 160 North Tenth Street, advised that he is the owner of the building at 154 North Tenth Street and that he has owned the latter building for over ten years. He stated that the latter address was never used as a dwelling since he owned it, and that he does not know anyone by the name of COSME PORTILLA.

MRS. A. CURRAN, 1620 West Oxford Street, Philadelphia, advised that she is the Manager of the apartment house at that address and that she never had anyone named COSME PORTILLA residing there. She stated that none of the present tenants have lived there more than six months.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAM SEIDLER, 2001 West Columbia Avenue, advised that they rent an apartment to MR. COSME PORTILLA and his wife, ELEANOR, and that the PORTILLAS have lived in the same apartment since 1945. The SEIDLERS state that MRS. PORTILLA's relatives come from Annapolis, Maryland, and that the PORTILLAS have one son in the U. S. Army

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in Germany. They stated that they do not know where PORTILLA is employed, but they do know that he broke his arm in the winter of 1950 and was treated at the Episcopal Hospital, and they thought that the hospital might have a record of PORTILLA's place of employment. MR. and MRS. SEIDLER both stated that it is their opinion that COSME PORTILLA and his wife are loyal Americans.

The records of the Episcopal Hospital at Front Street and Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, reflect that COSME PORTILLA was admitted to that hospital on February 22, 1950, for a "left colles fracture", and was discharged February 24, 1950. These records reflect that PORTILLA gave his birth date as September 27, 1891, in the Philippine Islands, and his wife's name as LEONORA PORTILLA. He indicated that he was employed as a laborer by the Arrow Decorating Company at 325 West Glenwood Avenue, Philadelphia. PORTILLA also indicated that he previously served in the U. S. Navy.

MR. ELMER H. MAACK, Personnel Department, Exide Storage Battery Company, advised that COSME PORTILLA previously worked in the firm's Crescentville plant and that he had two periods of employment. His first period of employment was from April 20, 1923, to September 27, 1924, and his second period of employment was from October 3, 1935, to December 22, 1935. MR. MAACK stated that his records do not show why PORTILLA left on the latter date, and he also stated that he did not know of anyone presently with the firm who would know PORTILLA.

Confidential Informant T-1, a former associate of COSME PORTILLA, but of unknown reliability, previously stated that PORTILLA told him in the late 1930's that he, PORTILLA, was affiliated with the Communist Party. T-1 also stated previously that he heard from an unknown source that PORTILLA had returned to the Philippine Islands and was a leader in the Hukbalahap movement.

On January 29, 1951, T-1 reaffirmed his previous statements. He advised that, as he stated previously, he heard from an unknown source that PORTILLA had returned to the Philippine Islands and was a leader in the Hukbalahap movement. T-1 explained that he had no personal knowledge of this and could not recall where he heard it. He stated, however, that PORTILLA told him personally sometime in the 1930's, when they were both employed by the Exide Storage Battery Company, that he, PORTILLA, was "affiliated with the Communist Party". T-1 stated that he did not know of anyone at the Exide Storage Battery Company who would recall PORTILLA.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised on February 12, 1951, that he knows PORTILLA slightly and that on a recent visit to the PORTILLAS' apartment, MRS. PORTILLA informed him that neither she nor her husband ever returned to the Philippine Islands. This informant stated that he never heard of any rumors concerning any Communist Party activity by PORTILLA.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, previously advised that prior to World War II a Filipino named PORTILLA lived in Philadelphia, that PORTILLA spoke favorably of Communism, and that he heard from an unknown source that PORTILLA had returned to the Philippine Islands and was a leader in the Hukbalahap movement.

On February 13, 1951, T-3 stated he learned that the above mentioned individual is actually named COSME PORTILLA and that PORTILLA is now living at 2001 West Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia. This informant recalls that PORTILLA told him right after the end of World War II that he, PORTILLA, wanted to return to the Philippine Islands to organize the Filipinos for the Communists. T-3 stated that he recently visited PORTILLA and that PORTILLA stated that he was only joking when he said he would return to the Philippines to organize for the Communists, and that actually he thinks the Hukbalahaps are "crazy".

Confidential Informant T-4, a member of a local veterans organization, but who is of unknown reliability, previously stated that he never heard of any Communist activity among the Filipinos in Philadelphia, nor had he heard of any activity in behalf of the Hukbalahaps.

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On March 3, 1951, T-4 advised that he remembers hearing from someone that COSME PORTILLA had been a member of the Communist Party about 15 or 20 years ago and he recalls that he saw PORTILLA in a May Day demonstration possibly in the 1930's. T-4 stated that because of the lapse of time, he cannot recall when this demonstration was held nor its exact location, and he added that he has not seen PORTILLA in over ten years.

Confidential Informant T-5, a local Filipino businessman of known reliability, previously stated that a Filipino living in Philadelphia by the name of PORTELLA spoke at a Communist Party Rally in the late or mid 1930's. T-5 stated he heard this from someone a long time ago and that he cannot recall who told him. He also stated that he had heard that PORTELLA had returned to the Philippines and that he was a leader in the Hukbalahap movement.

On March 5, 1951, T-5 advised that he had heard nothing new concerning PORTELLA and that the only thing he could add to the information previously furnished is that he recalls that the meeting, referred to above, at which PORTELLA spoke was somewhere near the Philadelphia City Hall. He could not recall how the information concerning the meeting came to him, nor does he recall COSME PORTILLA.

Confidential Informant T-6, a Filipino professional man, of known reliability, advised that he never heard of COSME PORTILLA.

Confidential Informant T-7, a member of a local veterans organization, but of unknown reliability, advised that he never heard of COSME PORTILLA.

Confidential Informant T-8, a Filipino who has been employed by the U. S. Government for over 30 years, but who is of unknown reliability, advised that neither he nor his American wife ever heard of COSME PORTILLA.

Confidential Informant T-9, a leader in Filipino social activities in Philadelphia, also of unknown reliability, advised that he did not know COSME PORTILLA.

The following Confidential Informants, who are of known reliability and who have a general knowledge of Communist activities in the Philadelphia area, advised that they do not know COSME PORTILLA: T-10, T-11, T-12, T-13, T-14, T-15 and T-16.

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CHARLES J. MILLER

The Philadelphia Classified Telephone Directory indicates that CHARLES J. MILLER is a Retail Book Dealer at 2128 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability, advised that MILLER recently moved to 405 South 22nd Street where he is operating his retail book business.

The Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., the Philadelphia Voters Registration Commission, and the Philadelphia Police Department have no record of CHARLES J. MILLER.

THOMAS O. AMELIA

On April 5, 1935, a MR. THOMAS O. AMELIA, of 1510 Chestnut Street, offered to make available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation his index containing information on judgment debtors of various banks and law offices in Philadelphia.

The records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., reflect that in 1942 THOMAS O. AMELIA lived with his wife at 329 South Hicks Street, Philadelphia, that he was employed as a Clerk by the U. S. Department of Justice, and that he was well regarded as to character and habits.

The records of the Philadelphia Voters Registration Commission reflect the following description of THOMAS O. AMELIA:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Born:	February 25, 1901, in the United States
Residence:	329 South Hicks Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Height:	5' 8"
Hair:	Gray
Eyes:	Blue
Occupation:	Research
Last registered:	1936 from same address
Party affiliation:	One of the two major political parties

A check of the records of the Philadelphia Police Department indicates that there is no record of AMELIA in the files of that department.

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The name COSME PORTILLA was searched through the records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., by SE [REDACTED] on January 4, 1951. b6 b7C

The records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., and the Philadelphia Police Department were checked as concerns the names THOMAS O. AMELIA and CHARLES J. MILLER by SE JACK V. HENDRICKS on May 18, 1951.

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The Washington Field Office
At Washington, D. C.

Will check the records of the Department of Justice to determine by what division of the Department THOMAS O. AMELIA was employed in 1942, and if he is actually employed now by some division of the Department of Justice.

The Philadelphia Office
At Philadelphia, Pa.

Will cover leads set out in referenced Washington Field report.

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INFORMANT PAGE

Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA []
[] dated 6/4/51, at Philadelphia, are identified as follows:

- T-1 [] concealed at his own request,
furnished information on 1/29/51 to SA []
- T-2 [] Policeman,
furnished information on 2/12/51 to SA []
[] identity is being concealed because he is used as a
source of information.
- T-3 [] Police Officer,
furnished information on 2/13/51 to SA [] His
identity is concealed because he is used as a source of information.
- T-4 [] a member of American Legion
Post #717, Philadelphia, furnished information on 3/3/51 to SA
[] His identity is concealed because he is used as
a source of information.
- T-5 [] located
[] furnished information on 3/5/51 to SA []
[] His identity is concealed because he is used as a source
of information.
- T-6 [] Osteopathic Physician, []
[] furnished information on 1/29/51 to SA []
His identity is concealed as he is used as a source of information.
- T-7 [] American
Legion Post #717, furnished information to SA []
3/3/51. Identity concealed because used as a source of information.
- T-8 [] employed U. S. Post Office,
30th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, for 30 years, furnished
information on 3/3/51 to SA [] Identity concealed
because used as source of information.
- T-9 [] Filipino
Association of Philadelphia, furnished information on 3/3/51 to
SA [] Identity concealed because used as a source of
information.

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T-10 [redacted] to SA JAMES E. HELMER 2/13/51.
T-11 [redacted] to SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN 2/10/51.
T-12 [redacted] to SA DAVID W. BREEN 2/10/51.
T-13 [redacted] to SA DAVID W. BREEN 2/10/51.
T-14 [redacted] to SA HOWARD A. SEARL dated 2/9/51.
T-15 [redacted] to SA [redacted] 2/15/51.
T-16 [redacted] to SA ALBERT RUNDBAKEN 3/1/51.

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T-17 Telephone call to CHARLES J. MILLER by SA [redacted]
5/18/51 under pretext of a business inquiry.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] at Philadelphia, dated 1/15/51.
Report of SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY, at New York, dated 5/7/51.
Report of SA JAMES O. NEWPHER, at Washington, dated 6/1/51.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD

Honolulu

FILE NO. 100-5354 fwp

REPORT MADE AT HONOLULU, T. H.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/25/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/18, 20/51	REPORT MADE BY HAROLD L. CHILD, JR.
TITLE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - PI
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: LEOVIGILDO EDOUARDO CACCAM PATACSIL employed as Electrical Engineer at U. S. Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor. Background data and description concerning him set forth. - RUC -			
DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, T. H. Personnel record of LEOVIGILDO EDOUARDO CACCAM PATACSIL at the Office of Civilian Personnel, District Public Works, U. S. Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, reflect that he arrived in the United States on July 4, 1931, aboard the TAIYO MARU at San Francisco. His description and background is as follows: Name LEOVIGILDO EDOUARDO CACCAM PATACSIL. Date of birth November 15, 1911. Place of birth Bauang, Launion, P. I. Alien Registration No. 4160412. Nationality Filipino. Citizenship Claims United States, Certificate #675390, (elsewhere shown as 6753690), issued 8/28/47, at Honolulu, T. H. Local Draft Board No. 151,1791, Howard Street, Chicago, Illinois, Order Number 411. ENCLOSURE ATTACHED ENCL. APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Joseph T. Logue</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES OF THIS REPORT 6 Bureau (Enclosures) 3 Washington Field (Enclosures) 2 Chicago (Enclosures) 2 Honolulu 60 JUL 18 1951 DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES JUN 28 1951 78 RECORDED - 137 INDEXED - 137 EX-138			

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SECURITY INFORMATION

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Education

San Jose State College,
San Jose, California,
September, 1931, to June, 1934.

University of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois,
September, 1936, to January,
1937, and February, 1941, to
June, 1942; degree - Bachelor
of Science in June, 1942.

Height

5'1" - 5'2".

Weight

120-138 pounds.

Hair

Black.

Eyes

Brown; vision - nearsighted
20/200 in each eye.

Wearing glasses to correct.

Selective Service No.

351-09-9815.

Military Service

None.

Organizations

American Institute of Electrical
Engineers,

20th and Northampton Streets,
Easton, Pennsylvania.

Employment

July, 1931 to August, 1936,
Student, San Jose State College.

September, 1936, to February,
1937, Student, University of
Illinois.

March, 1937, to February 3, 1941,
employed as family cook by
G. R. FOUICHE,
1316 Fargo Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

February 4, 1941, to June 1, 1942
Student, University of Illinois.

June, 1942, to December, 1942,
Junior Engineer, U. S. Engineers
Office, War Department,
Clock Tower Building
Rock Island, Illinois, under
ARTHUR J. GOWAN.

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Employment
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December, 1942, to July, 1945,
Junior Engineer,
U. S. Engineers Office
War Department
Clock Tower Building
Rock Island, Illinois,
under WILLIAM E. BOWEN.

July, 1945, to May 4, 1947,
Engineer, War Department,
Oahu Engineers Service,
Fort Armstrong, under FRANK E.
GAULT.

May 11, 1947, to October 10,
1948, Electrical Engineer, P-2,
War Department,
Oahu Engineers Service,
Fort Armstrong.

October 10, 1948, to April 14,
1950, Electrical Engineer, P-3,
U. S. Engineers, under HENRY
COUGER, Chief,
Utilities Branch,
terminated under reduction in
force.

April 14, 1950, to December 10,
1950, Electrical Engineer, GS 9,
District Public Works Office,
Inspection Division,
Field Branch, 14th Naval District
Pearl Harbor.

December 10, 1950, to the present
Electrical Engineer,
District Public Works Office,
Coordinator for Maintenance and
Operations, Inspection Division,
Pearl Harbor. (Pearl Harbor
Badge #81-3622).

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Addresses:

450 South Second Street,
San Jose, California,
c/o E. PAULINE HOWARD.
(Date unspecified).

5499 Club Drive,
San Jose, California,
c/o H. SEYMORE KITTRIDGE.

1316 Fargo Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois,
c/o GLENN R. FOUCHE.

106 Romine Street,
Urbana, Illinois,
c/o LILLIAN YOUNG.
(She is the person listed to be
notified in case of emergency).
(Date unspecified for all of the
above.)

106 Romine Street,
Urbana, Illinois,
(1941-1942).

728 - 30th Street,
Rock Island, Illinois.
(June 15, 1942).

513 - 23rd Street,
Rock Island, Illinois.
(1942).

Plesanton Hotel,
Honolulu, T. H.
(January to February, 1943).

3156 Lincoln Avenue,
Honolulu, T. H.
(February to April, 1943).

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Addresses
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1626 Republican Street,
Honolulu, T. H.
(April, 1943, to 1949).

2660 Liliha Street,
Honolulu, T. H.,
(April, 1949, to 1950).

3151 George Street,
Honolulu, T. H.,
(1950 to present).

Relatives

Wife - [REDACTED]
Born - [REDACTED]
April 6, 1921.
U. S. citizen.

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Mother - MARTINA CACCAM de
PATACSIL;
Born - Philippine Islands.
Citizen of Philippine Islands.

Father - EDOUARDO PATACSIL,
deceased.
Born - Philippine Islands.
Citizen of Philippine Islands.

Relatives in the United States (1944)
all Cousins.

[REDACTED] (Age [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]
Employed by the U. S. Navy.

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[REDACTED] (Age [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]
Employed by the U. S. Navy.

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Relatives in the United States (1944)
all Cousins.

Relatives
(continued)

DOROTEY PATACSIL, (Age 50),
Chicago, Illinois.
Employed U. S. Post Office,
Chicago, Illinois.

References:

[REDACTED]
Clock Tower Building,
Rock Island, Illinois.

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[REDACTED]
Hawaiian Air Depot,
Hickam Air Force Base.

[REDACTED]
Headquarters Building,
Fort Armstrong.

[REDACTED]
Honolulu, T. H.

[REDACTED]
Honolulu, T. H.

[REDACTED]
San Jose, California.

[REDACTED]
Champaign, Illinois.

[REDACTED]
Des Plaines, Illinois.

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Urbana, Illinois.

[REDACTED]

San Jose, California.

[REDACTED]

Civil Aeronautics Administration,
Young Building,
Honolulu, T. H.

[REDACTED]

Honolulu, T. H.

[REDACTED]

c/o U. S. Engineers,
Seattle, Washington.

All of the above data was extracted from the personnel file of PATACSIL at the U. S. Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor. No disloyal or derogatory information was contained in his file.

Enclosures to Bureau, Washington Field and Chicago:

Two photographs of LEOVIGILDO EDOUARDO CACCAM PATACSIL.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will endeavor to ascertain whether LEOVIGILDO EDOUARDO CACCAM PATACSIL, mentioned in this report, is identical with LEOVIGALDA PATASCIL who was reported in 1947 as Secretary of the Filipino Branch of the Communist Party in Chicago, and who reportedly moved from Chicago to Hawaii in 1947. In the event identity is established, will advise the Bureau by separate communication under Loyalty of Government Employees caption.

REFERENCES:

Report of SA [redacted] 5/8/51, Chicago.
Report of SA HAROLD L. CHILD, JR., 5/15/51,
Honolulu.

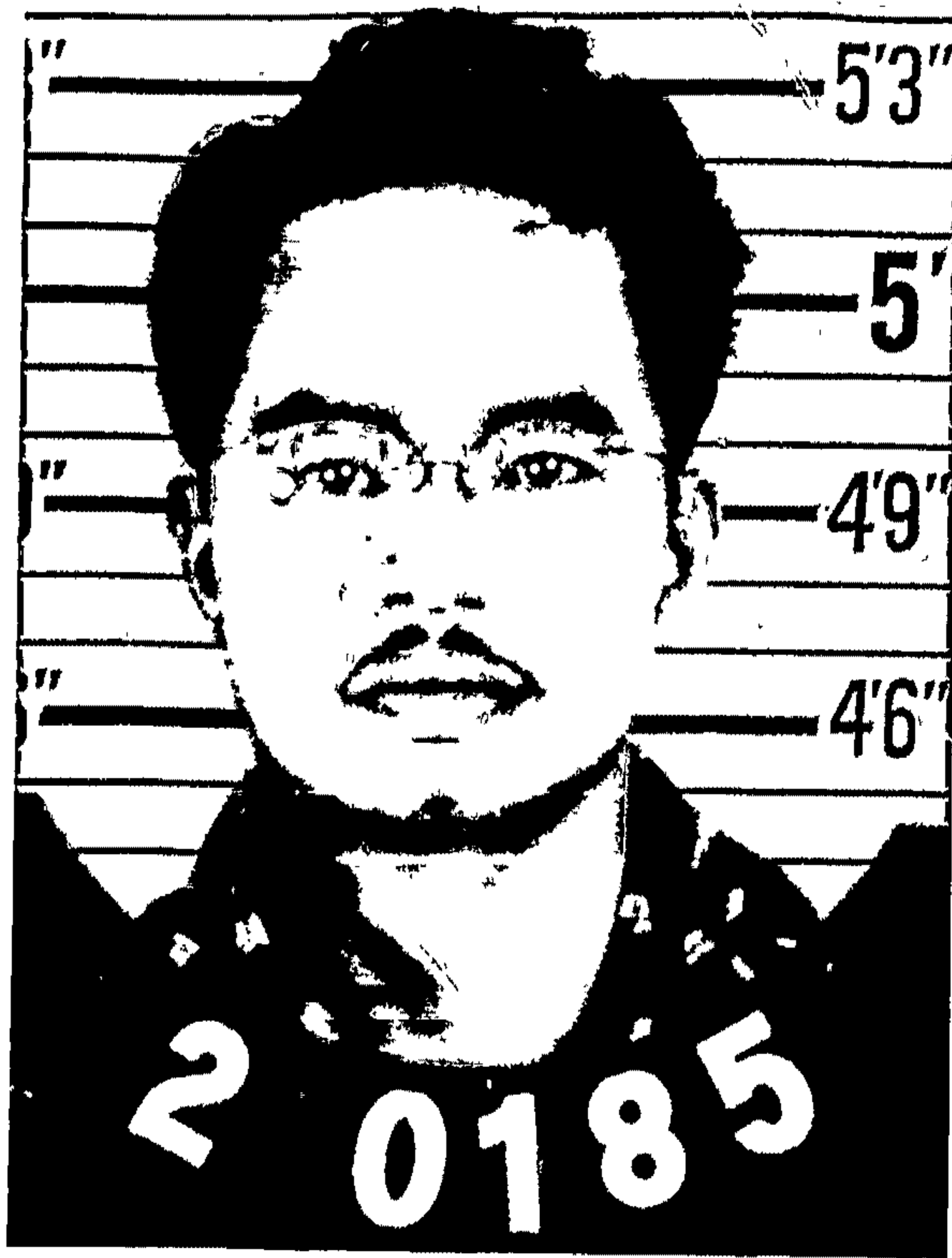
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2 PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT PATACSI.
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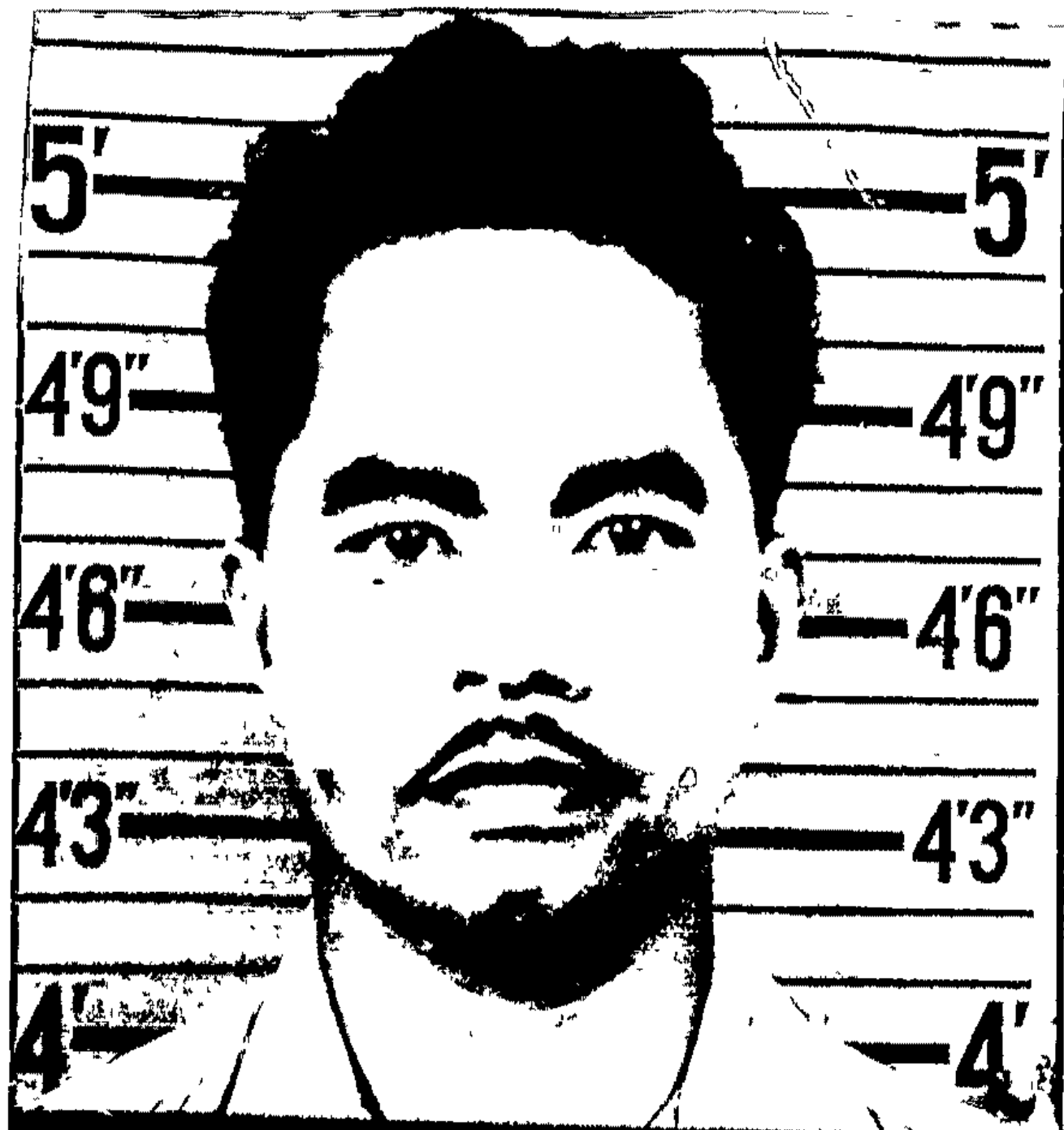


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LEOVIGILDO EDOURADO CACCAM
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

FILE NO. 105-522 ^{b6}

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 6/29/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/15, 20/51	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> HFM:mam
TITLE -COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BERTRAM JAMES GRIGSBY, born January 15, 1880, in Cuba, occupies room 827, 120 South La Salle Street, and is reportedly engaged in industrial development. Until World War II he is said to have had considerable funds invested in industry in London, England and since the War has made several business trips to England. Address at 587 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, not located, however, at 537 South Dearborn Street, in room 407, the name of the Federal Reporting and Adjusting Association was observed on the door. Background data set out.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

T-1 of known reliability advised that on March 30, 1951 H. J. GRIGSBY, suite 827-29, 120 South La Salle Street, contacted LEL ASH at 114 East 59th Street, New York City, New York. The current Chicago telephone directory lists no one by the name of H. J. GRIGSBY, however, the name of B. J. GRIGSBY is shown to have an office at 120 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The name of B. J. GRIGSBY was also observed on the door of room 827, 120 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 15, 1951.

On June 20, 1951 the records of Dun & Bradstreet, Chicago, Illinois, reflected the following information pertaining to BERT GRIGSBY:

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BERTRAM JAMES

***GRIGSBY**, 120 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, room 827.

He was born January 15, 1884 in Cuba, attended the University of Illinois from 1904 to 1906 and was employed as managing director, Benjamin Electrical Company, London, England from 1908 to 1916. He was Vice-president, Anderson Electrical and Equipment Company, Chicago, Illinois from 1916 to 1921 when he became one of the organizers of GRIGSBY, GRUNOW & HINDS' Electric Corporation. In 1928 the name of this firm was changed to GRIGSBY & GRUNOW and under this name the organization was adjudged bankrupt in 1934. After this GRIGSBY went into the field of industrial development and from time to time since 1934 has had considerable funds invested in several industrial and business pursuits at Chicago, Illinois.

Prior to World War II he had substantial investments in London, England but reportedly sold these before the beginning of World War II. Since the War, however, he reportedly has made several business trips to London and as of February 1951 was reported out of the city temporarily.

T-1 also advised that on March 9, 1951 LEE ASH, at the aforementioned New York address, was in contact with suite 407, 587 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. On June 15, 1951 it was observed that number 547 is the last number appearing on the 500 block of South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. However, the name of the Federal Reporting and Adjusting Association was observed on the door of room 407, 537 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On June 20, 1951 the records of Dun & Bradstreet reflected the following information regarding the Federal Reporting and Adjusting Association, 537 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

President, DEAN DOYLE; Vice-president, W. O. WEST; secretary and treasurer, E. DOYLE TATE. This company was chartered in 1915 with capital stock of \$10,000. The association operates a collection service which specializes in the collection of delinquent accounts for mail-order publishers selling on installment terms. The firm's income is derived from percentage fees retained from funds collected, varying from 25 to 50%. The corporation was established by IVAN C. WEST who operated it until his death in 1942. The business was inherited by WEST'S son, W. O. WEST.

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EMMA DOYLE TATE purchased all the stock from W. O. WEST in 1945. TATE, who was born in 1893, is a native of this country, married, and operates the business as sole owner.

No pertinent identification information was located in the files of the Chicago Division pertaining to the following: BERTRAM JAMES GRIGSBY, The Federal Reporting and Adjusting Association, or any of its officers.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

IDENTITY OF INFORMANT

Informant T-1

A thirty-day mail cover placed on LEE ASH, JR.,
114 East 56th Street, New York City, New York.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The records of Dun and Bradstreet were searched by SE ROBERT J.
MC KINLEY on June 20, 1951.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY dated
5/7/51 at New York.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 19, 1951

FROM : V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF PHILIPPINE
GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN
THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

Mr. Donald L. Nicholson, Chief, Security Division, Department of State, has informed Mr. Roach that the State Department has a keen interest in the matter of Communist infiltration and activities among Philippine groups in the United States as well as the Communist infiltration into the Philippine government. He has asked that any information that the Bureau develops along this line be immediately passed to the State Department.

As a matter of interest, Mr. Nicholson advised that the Philippine government has informed the State Department that they will take drastic action against Communists among their citizens on the islands and particularly in the Philippine government. This would, of course, include the Philippine delegation to the United Nations.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Internal Security Section for its information and appropriate action.

HRR:mfs

Addendum: A review of the "Communist Activities in the Philippine Islands" file reflects that Info has been disseminated regularly to the Department of State and other interested Government Agencies. This will be continued in the future. Mr. Nicholson, Chief, Security Division of the State Department, should be so advised by Liaison Section.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 30, 1951

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI
(Bufile 64-200-239)

Rebulet to Los Angeles Office to identify and ascertain whereabouts of PEDRO HOLLANDA, dated 4/6/51, and Los Angeles letter to Bureau, dated 5/14/51.

LOREN SPAIR, Chief of Police, Riverbank, California, advised that PEDRO PAJOTA HOLANDA resided on West Topeka Street in Riverbank. He is engaged in raising chickens and is also a farm laborer. He has no record at the Police Department and is well regarded in Riverbank.

GAROLD C. STALEY, Justice of the Peace, Riverbank, who is in the real estate and insurance business, advised that he had known HOLANDA since 1917 and found him to be honest and reliable in business. He advised that HOLANDA indicated in an insurance policy on his property that he had been a Chief Warrant Officer in the U. S. Army for twenty-five years. STALEY advised that it was his impression from talking to HOLANDA that HOLANDA had been in the Philippine Islands during World War II. STALEY advised that he would recommend HOLANDA as far as loyalty to the United States was concerned and had never heard him express himself in any way which would indicate that he had any opinions relative to the Philippine Islands.

JULIAN BORDONA, Postmaster, Riverbank, advised that HOLANDA was well regarded in Riverbank. He determined that HOLANDA received two checks from the U. S. Government every month, but was unable to determine his Army serial number as it was not shown on the envelope. It was believed that one check was for retirement and one for disability. -RUC 64-200-239-163

CWD:DVB

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cc: Washington Field

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/5/51

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY -
 COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
 INTERNAL SECURITY - PI
 Bureau File 64-200-239

Rerep SA JAMES O. NEWPHER 6/1/51 WFO and letter to Bureau from WFO
 6/1/51. Referral/Direct

MRK/cf
 cc: Washington Field (105-1397)
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON FIELD**

NH FILE NO. **100-13617 mdm/hws**

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TITLE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - P.I.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The Microcard Foundation, Wesleyan University, photographs books for future use. J. D. NERBER farmer, Woodstock Valley, Conn. No credit or criminal record for NERBER. "ENOCH" possibly identical with KURT ENOCH, Publisher, 501 Madison Avenue, N.Y.

- RUC -

DETAILS:

AT MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT:

The Microcard Foundation, Wesleyan University, was founded and is directed by Dr. FREMONT RIDER, Librarian of Wesleyan University. The Foundation takes old manuscripts and other scholarly works and photographs them into a $\frac{1}{4}$ " square, which is then placed on a 3 x 5 card, where it may be rephotographed by a special machine so that it may be read. In this manner, the books of a library are condensed into a very small space.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent RICHARD P. HORAN:

AT WOODSTOCK VALLEY, CONNECTICUT:

J. D. NERBER operates a small farm in Woodstock Valley, Connecticut, located just outside of Putnam. This is his only known employment.

There is no record for NERBER at the Willimantic, Connecticut, Credit Bureau, which covers Woodstock Valley, nor is there any criminal record for NERBER at the Putnam, Connecticut, Police Department or the Connecticut State Police at Hartford, Connecticut, which covers Woodstock Valley.

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent FRANCIS X. MC BRIDE:

AT GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that Fawcett Publications, Inc., Fawcett Place, Greenwich, Connecticut, is the subscriber to Greenwich telephone number 8-4370.

Mr. GORDON W. FAWCETT, Treasurer for the Fawcett Publications, Inc., Fawcett Place, Greenwich, Connecticut, advised that his firm has not in the past nor does it currently employ any individual with either the first or last name of ENOCH. Mr. FAWCETT voluntarily mentioned that the person in whom the writer was in all probability interested is KURT ENOCH, who is a Publisher, approximately fifty years of age, and who is identified with the New American Library of World Literature, Inc., 501 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York, telephone Murray Hill 8-3470. Mr. FAWCETT pointed out that ENOCH publishes small pocket books identified with the trade name of "Signet" and further added that the Fawcett Publications distributes the books published by ENOCH. It was indicated by Mr. FAWCETT that ENOCH is a very good customer of the Fawcett Publications and is frequently at their office in Greenwich, Connecticut. FAWCETT furnished no additional identifying information relating to KURT ENOCH.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The following is the identity of the Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA [REDACTED], b6
dated July 9, 1951, at New Haven, Connecticut, entitled b7C
"Communist Activities in the Philippine Islands, IS - P.I.":

T-1: [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Report of SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY dated
5-7-51 at New York.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 23, 1951

FROM: ~~WASAC~~ SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
INTERNAL SECURITY-PI
Bufile 64-200-239

Re SF letter 6/30/51 which inadvertently carried case in an RUC status.
Instant matter is pending and results of investigation will be submitted by 7/20/51.

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cc: Washington Field (105-1397)

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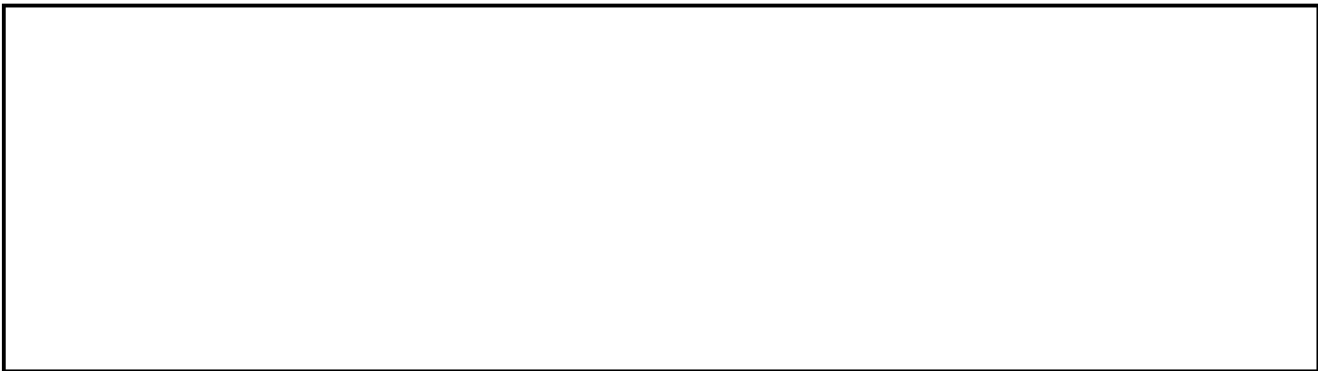
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Referral/Direct



Re: NICKOLI PROKUSHKIN

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, advised on June 14, 1951 that one ~~NICHOLAS~~ PROKOOSHKIN, Seaman's Certificate of Identification #Z-32549, born September 17, 1905, in Russia, sailed aboard American President Line vessels out of San Francisco intermittently between June 22, 1939 and December 26, 1947, with a break in service from 1941 to 1946. PROKOOSHKIN's address is shown as 438A Haight Street, San Francisco. His next of kin was shown as [redacted] California. T-1 advised that PROKOOSHKIN sailed as a waiter, bartender and assistant storekeeper, and that his date of naturalization was January 25, 1943. b6 per FBI b7C

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San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, advised on June 22, 1951 that ~~NICHOL~~ PROKOOSHKIN is also known as ~~NICK PARISH~~. T-2 advised that PROKOOSHKIN is presently employed as a wine steward aboard the SS LURLINE, a Matson Line vessel, sailing out of San Francisco. T-2 advised that PROKOOSHKIN has been sailing for 16 years and has sailed most frequently in the position of bartender. T-2 stated that PROKOOSHKIN recently brought his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. ~~POLOVNEFF~~, from Shanghai, China, via the Philippine Islands, stating they had been in Shanghai during the Japanese occupation. T-2 stated that the Japanese were "rough" on his parents because PROKOOSHKIN was in the U. S. The same source stated that Mr. and Mrs. POLOVNEFF were in the Philippine Islands under the International Refugee Organization for several years prior to their arrival in the United States.

T-2 stated that PROKOOSHKIN is the owner of a two-flat building at 455-457 - 22nd Avenue, San Francisco, and also owns a cabin on the Russian River, a summer resort about 50 miles north of San Francisco. T-2 advised that PROKOOSHKIN was in the U. S. Army for eight months during World War II, but was released to enter the Merchant Marine. T-2 stated that PROKOOSHKIN encountered difficulty in bringing his parents to the U. S. because he claimed someone had written a letter making false statements about him.

Referral/Direct

Articles appearing in the Russkaya Zhizn (Russian Life) newspaper reflect that during 1949 BORIS PAVLOVICH MARTYNOW, owner of the City-Wide Real Estate Office, 3140 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, was defeated as a candidate for the office of San Francisco City Supervisor in the election of November 8, 1949. The same source showed that MARTYNOW was formerly an officer in the Tsarist Army in Russia and is active in the San Francisco Russian Center.

San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, advised on July 17, 1951 that Russkaya Zhizn (Russian Life) is a Russian language newspaper published at 2458 Sutter Street, San Francisco. T-3 stated that this paper is free from Soviet influence, to the best of his knowledge, and is anti-Communist in its editorial policy. T-3 added that 51% of the stock of this paper is owned by the Russian Center.

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T-3 advised on July 17, 1951 that the Russian Center is an organization of non-Communist Russian-Americans having a clubhouse at 2450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. T-3 stated that the activities of the Russian Center are of a social, cultural and charitable nature and it is believed by him to be free from Soviet influence.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, advised that to his knowledge PROKOOSHKIN made no contacts of a suspicious nature during the period from June 20, 1951 to July 20, 1951.

On December 21, 1944, San Francisco T-5, of unknown reliability, advised that one NICKOLAI J. PROKUSHKIN, then residing at Apt. #4, 726 Washington Street, San Francisco, made the following statement: "The dirty, filthy United States. I hate it. See what the Germans are doingwait until the Japs also get going." According to T-5, these statements were made during a telephone conversation between the subject and some unknown individual, while the subject was intoxicated. T-5 stated that the subject's father had been a general in the Russian Army and that PROKUSHKIN was also trained in the Russian Army. T-5 stated PROKUSHKIN lived in Japan for several years, where he liked the living conditions. T-5 stated that NICKOLAI J. PROKUSHKIN furnished a forwarding address on March 24, 1945 as c/o SS CAPE MEARES, Matson Navigation Company, San Francisco, California.

It is noted that the records of the U. S. Merchant Marine, Washington, D. C., reflect that NICKOLI PROKUSHKIN was sailing aboard the SS CAPE MEARES from February 1, 1945 to May 13, 1945.

San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, who is also in contact with merchant seamen of Communist sympathies sailing from the Port of San Francisco, advised he has had no contact with PROKUSHKIN.

The San Francisco Retail Credit Association and the San Francisco Police Department contained no record of PROKUSHKIN under his various names.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Three copies of this report and a photograph of LEOVIGILDO EDOUARDO CACCAI PATACSIL are being sent to the Honolulu Office in accordance with the request set out in referenced report.

SOURCES:

San Francisco T-1: [] American President Lines, Pier 42, who furnished this information to SA [] 6/4/51.

San Francisco T-2: This information was furnished through a pretext interview conducted by SA [] [] with PROKUSHKIN on 6/22/51.

San Francisco T-3: [] who furnished this information on 7/17/51, to SA HENRY D. GRUSH.

San Francisco T-4: 30 day mail cover placed on the residence of PROKUSHKIN at 455 - 22nd Ave., San Francisco.

San Francisco T-5: [] [] San Francisco, who telephonically furnished this information to SA JOHN W. FAIN on 12/21/44.

San Francisco T-6: []

REFERENCE:

Report of SA HAROLD L. CHILD, Jr., 5/15/51, at Honolulu.
Report of SA JAMES O. NEWPHER, 6/1/51, at Washington, D. C.

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